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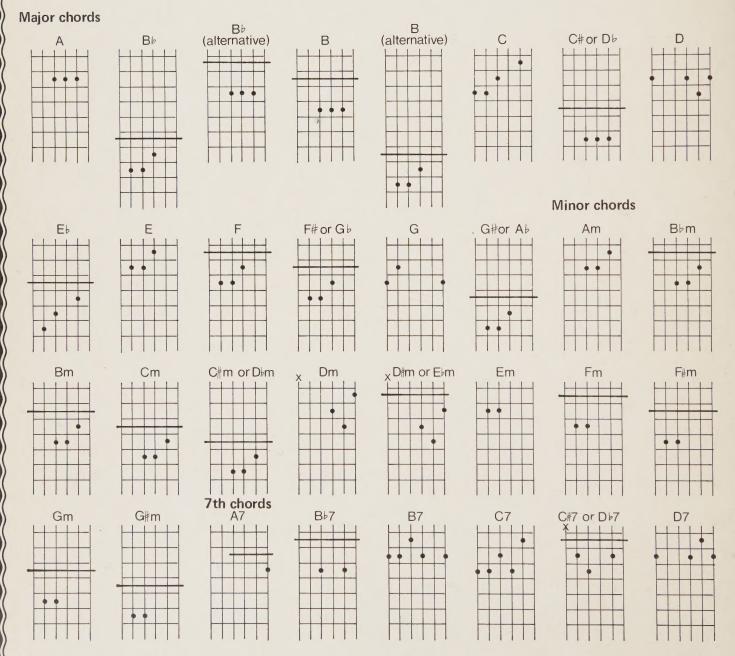
Throughout, the names of the less usual chords are shown as written in the original music. Performers may note that alternative names for some chords are in common use:

A sus 4 = A sus

A+ = A augmented

A0 = A diminished

A solid line indicates a barre chord. This means that the first finger is to hold down all the strings marked. Where there are two solid lines the first finger holds the lower and the third finger the upper.



The SONG DOWN

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In the early days of rock 'n' roll it was generally believed that there was only one correct way to perform a pop song, and that was the way it was sung and played on the record. However, in the 1960s a number of British pop groups started recording older American songs in new ways, and people began arguing as to which was the 'correct' way to play the songs — in the original American style or the new British way.

Gradually people came to see that there was no one 'correct' way of performing pop music. In the 1970s Bob Dylan started making new recordings of his most famous songs. Slow folk tunes became fast rock songs with complete rock group backing, and chord sequences, rhythms and even melodies were changed. Sometimes it was hard to recognize the original song!

Today most people accept that it is up to the performer to make what he or she can of a pop song, and the same is true in folk music (although some people do like to preserve earlier versions of folk songs so that they may be compared with modern versions).

For this reason you should see the music in this book as merely a set of themes waiting for you to organize some variations on them. No time indications are given for the songs because you should feel free to experiment. The melodies given here do not always correspond exactly with what you can hear on record. Sometimes this is because they have been changed to make them easier for young people to sing. But it also sometimes happens that a singer has chosen to change the melody to suit himself after the original music has been printed. This does not make one version right and another wrong. Study the printed music carefully, but then be prepared to modify what you find to produce the sort of music you want to create.

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All round my hat

Traditional arranged TONY ATTWOOD

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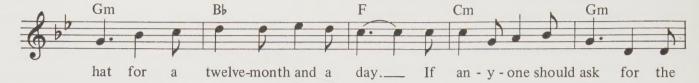


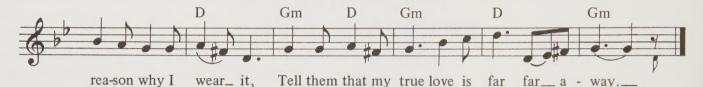
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1. Going of my rounds in the streets I did meet her,

A11

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hat

I thought she was an angel just come down from the sky,

And I never heard a voice louder and more sweeter

When she cried 'buy primroses, primroses come and buy'.

CHORUS

2. My love she was fair, and my love was kind too,

And cruel was the judge that my love had to try,

For thieving was a thing she never was inclined to,

But he sent my love across the seas, far, far away.

CHORUS

3. For seven long years my love and I are parted,

For seven long years my love is bound to stay,

Bad luck to the chap who'd ever be false-hearted,

Oh, I love my love for ever though she's far away.

CHORUS

4. There are some young men who are so precious deceitful,

A-coaxing of the young girls they wish to lead astray.

As soon as they deceive them so cruelly they leave them

And they never sigh nor sorrow when they're so far away.

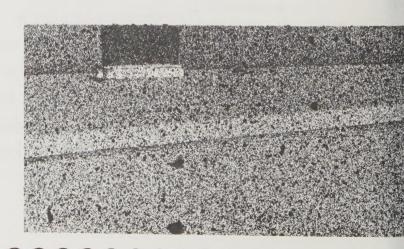
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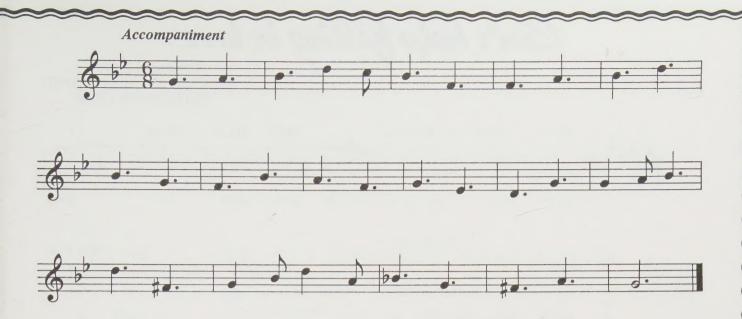
5. Oh, I bought my love a ring on the very day she started,

Which I gave her as a token all to remember me,

And when she does come back we'll never more be parted

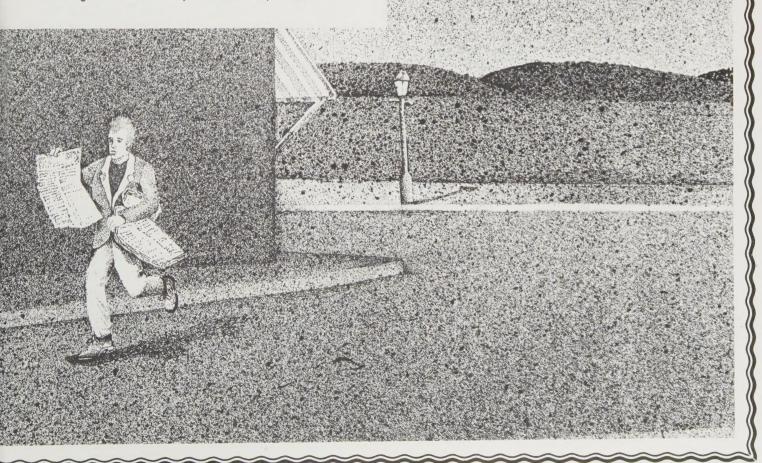
But we'll marry and be happy oh, for ever and a day.





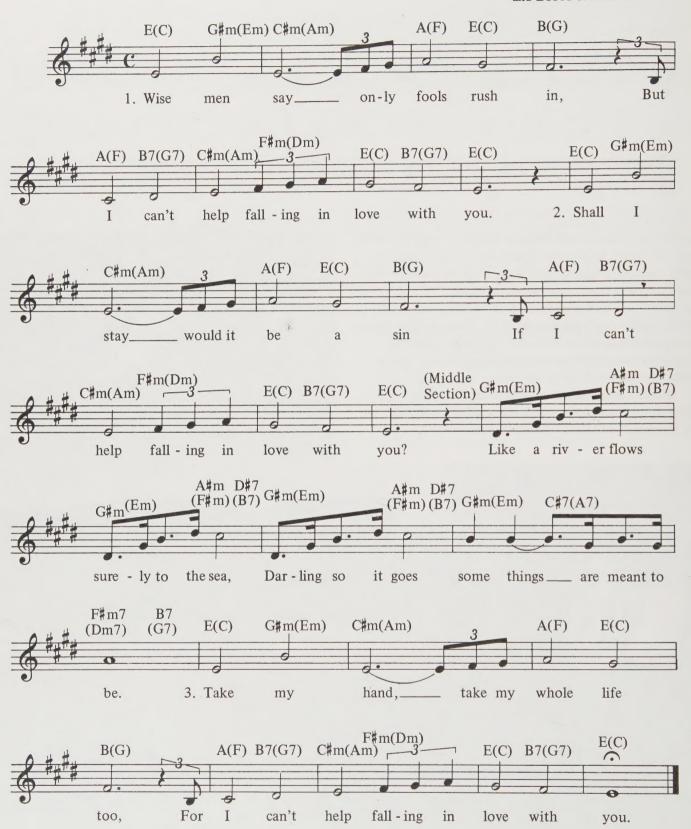
All round my hat is a song that has existed in various forms for over 100 years. At one time it was a very popular street song with a number of spoken lines in the verses, which would have been sung by a street trader selling vegetables. The song suddenly became well known again when Steeleye Span recorded it in 1975 and the record got into the charts. However, their version was quite different from this one — something that often happens when old folk songs are adapted. Each arranger rewrites the song in his or her own way.

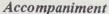
Listen to a recording of the song by Steeleye Span. How different is it from the version given here? What has happened to the singer's true love? Why are the lovers parted?

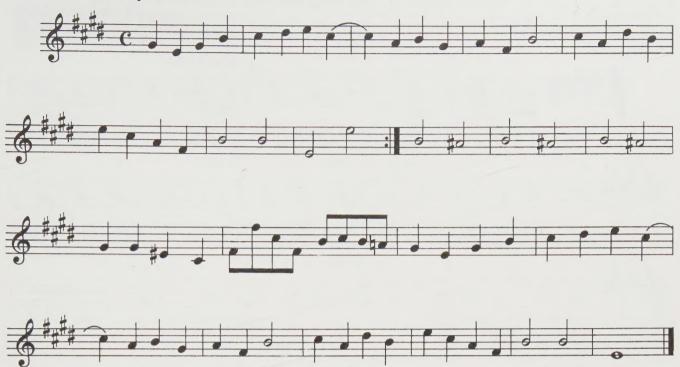


Can't help falling in love

Words and Music by GEORGE WEISS, HUGO PERETTI and LUIGI CREATORE







Can't help falling in love by Elvis Presley was released as a single in the UK in 1962. It immediately reached number 1 in the charts and stayed in the top 50 for almost five months. It was part of a string of five number 1 hits by Elvis, which started with His latest Flame, and concluded with Return to Sender.

Like so many pop songs, this one is in *ternary form*: an opening section which is repeated, a different middle section, and then the opening section once again:

Opening section

First 8 bars (ends with the title

words)

Repeat (2nd verse)

Next 8 bars (bars 9 to 16) (ends

with title words)

Middle section

5 bars

Opening section

Last 8 bars

(3rd verse)

To make the song last a little longer you can play the sections in this order:

Opening section

Repeat (2nd verse)

Middle section

Opening section (3rd verse)

Opening section (instrumental version, tune played on glocks, etc.)

Middle section

Opening section (3rd verse)

Note for guitarists

This is one of those songs that no matter what key you play in you are bound to get one or two difficult chords to play. The easiest keys for the guitarist are C and G, but both may make the song a little harder to sing, because the melody may then be too low or too high at some points. So the easiest solution is to fit a capo to the guitar between the third and fourth frets and play the chords in the key of C. The resulting key will be E flat, the same key as the melody.

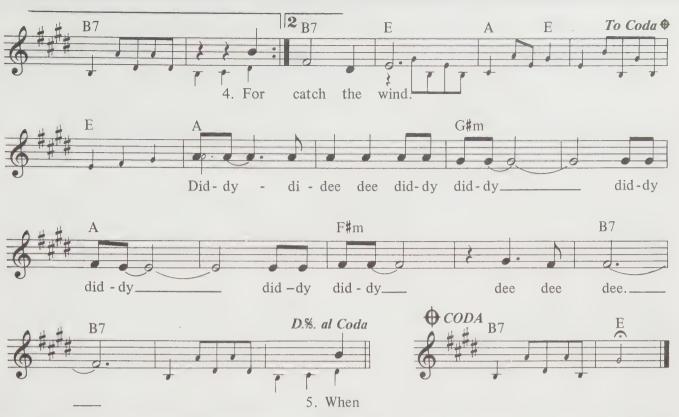
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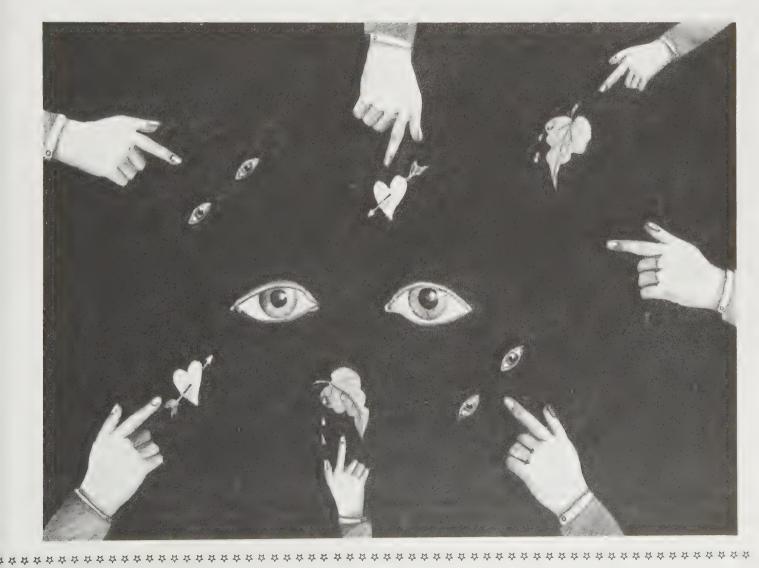
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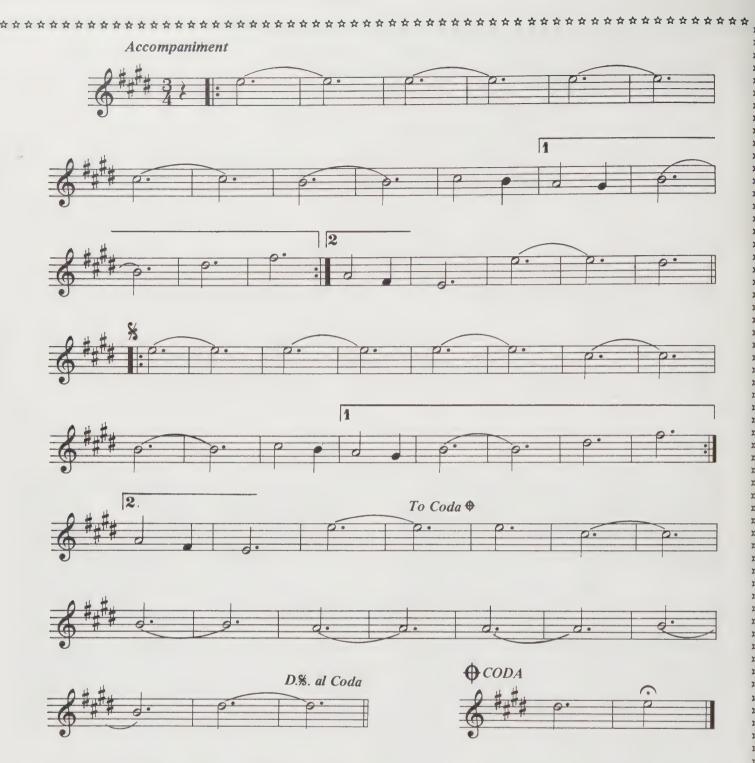
Catch the wind

Words and Music by DONOVAN









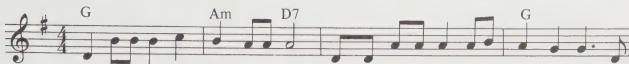
Catch the wind was Donovan's first record and his first hit, reaching number 4 in the charts in Britain in 1965. He continued having hits for four years, and since then has made a number of successful LPs.

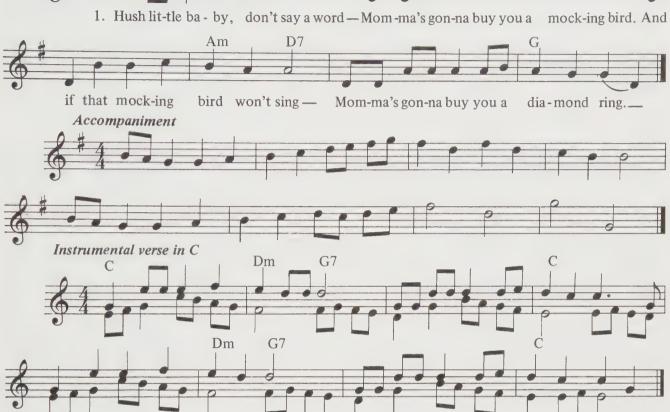
You'll see that between verses 4 and 5 there is an extra section, in which Donovan sings the words 'Diddy didee dee' etc. If you prefer, you may play this section on glocks or other instruments.

As the tune is quite simple you may be able to play the whole melody on pitched instruments. Where the melody line stops play the smaller notes written into the music. A second accompaniment is also given. This would be suitable for instruments which can hold notes for a long time.

Hush Little Baby

Traditional arranged TONY ATTWOOD





- 2. And if that diamond ring is brass Momma's gonna buy you a looking-glass. And if that looking-glass gets broke Momma's gonna buy you a billy goat.
- 3. And if that billy goat don't pull —
 Momma's gonna buy you a cart and bull.
 And if that cart and bull turn over —
 Momma's gonna buy you a dog called Rover.
- 4. And if that dog called Rover won't bark Momma's gonna buy you a Noah's Ark. And if that Noah's Ark goes down You'll still be the sweetest little baby in town.

Hush little Baby is an American lullaby. Like all lullabies it is designed to be sung to a baby to put it to sleep. In order to achieve this aim the lullaby has to be simple enough to be easily remembered by the baby, reminding it of sleep each time the song is heard. It also has to be repetitive, so that there are no surprises in the song which will stop the child from falling asleep.

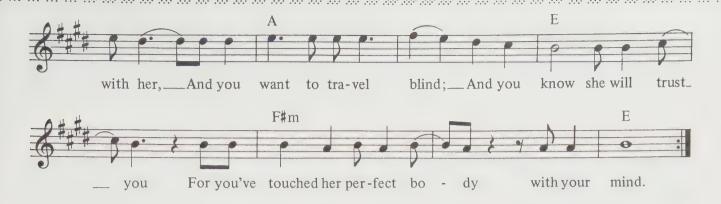
Since you'll be singing it at school, and not in order to put a baby to sleep, an accompaniment is given. Normally, of course, the father or mother would sing the song unaccompanied to the child. In addition an arrangement of the song is given in the key of C major, for two instruments. The chords are also shown for a guitarist. This instrumental verse can be played between verses 3 and 4.

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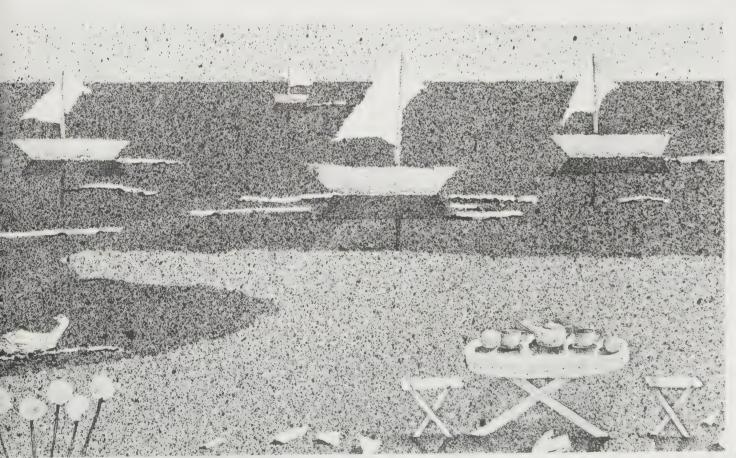
- 1 What key is the original in?
- Why is there no key signature in the instrumental verse written under the accompaniment?
- 3 What is a mocking bird, as mentioned in the first verse?
- 4 Can you find some more lullabies? Bring them into school and work out your own arrangements of them for the classroom. See if you can find lullabies from other countries too. You will find that some of them are very different from the type of lullaby we are used to hearing in this country. But ask yourself, do they have the same qualities which will help a baby go to sleep?

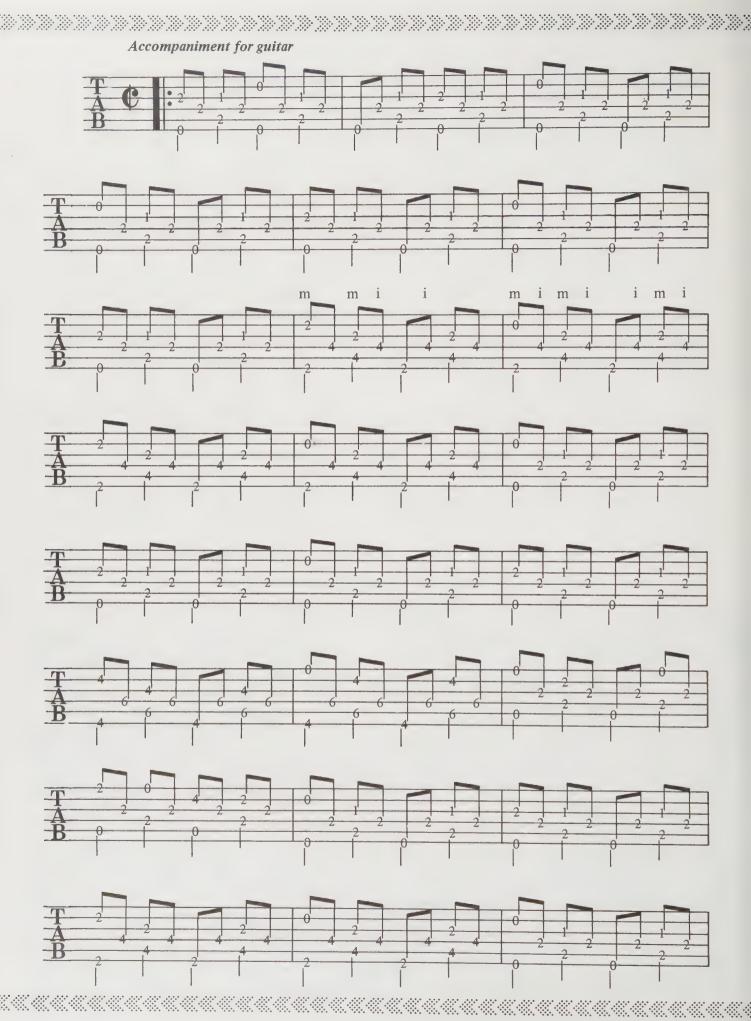
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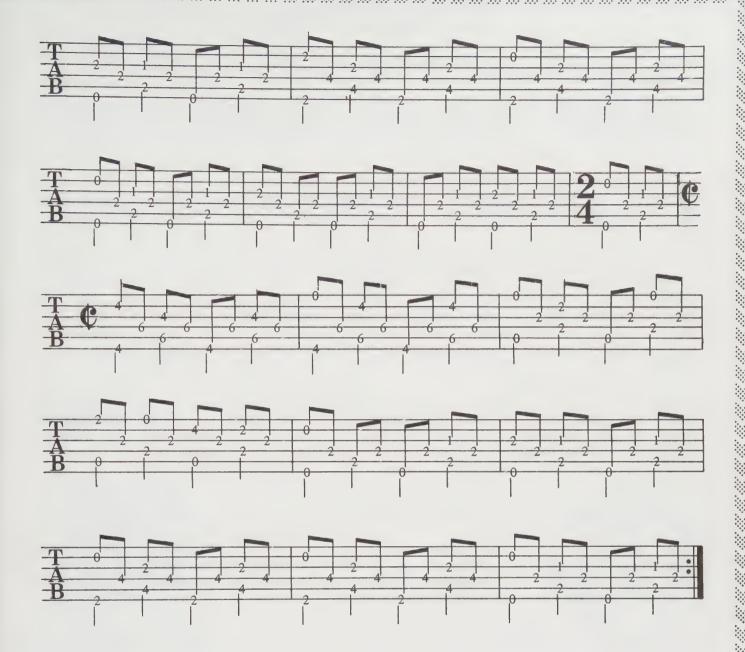




- 2. And Jesus was a sailor When he walked upon the water And he spent a long time watching From his lonely wooden tower. And when he knew for certain Only drowning men could see him He said, "All men will be sailors then Until the sea shall free them." But he himself was broken Long before the sky would open Forsaken, almost human, He sank beneath your wisdom like a stone. And you want to travel with him And you want to travel blind And you think maybe you'll trust him For he's touched your perfect body with his mind.
- 3. Now Suzanne takes your hand And she leads you to the river She is wearing rags and feathers From Salvation Army counters. And the sun pours down like honey On our lady of the harbour; And she shows you where to look Among the garbage and the flowers. There are heroes in the seaweed, There are children in the morning, They are leaning out for love And they will lean that way forever. While Suzanne holds the mirror And you want to travel with her And you want to travel blind And you know that you can trust her For she's touched your perfect body with her mind.







Suzanne is the most famous of the compositions by guitarist and folk singer Leonard Cohen. His style is unmistakeable: very little variation in the melody, but rather a gentle rhythmic movement that comes from the words.

Here the accompaniment is written out for guitar in the special guitar tablature system. This system has six lines, one for each string of the guitar. Where a number is written on a line it means that that string should be played with a finger just below the fret whose number is given.

Look at the guitar accompaniment. It starts with a 0 on the bottom line and a 2 on the third line from the top. This means that the bottom string (E) is played open (without a finger on any of the frets) and the third string from the top (G) is played with a finger below the second fret, (making the note A).

If you wish to make an accompaniment to this song for a melodic instrument a very simple way to do it is to play the melody a minor third lower. The melody starts on B, so you should start on G sharp. You could also play the melody line itself and make an interesting instrumental piece for two instruments plus guitar.

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Write out an accompaniment for this song.

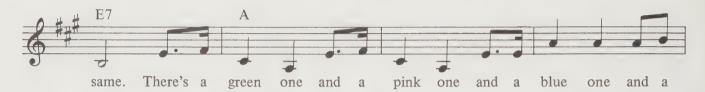
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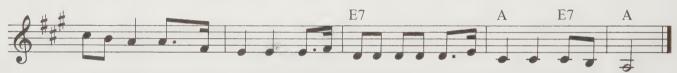
Words and Music by MALVINA REYNOLDS





tick-y tack-y, Lit-tle box-es, lit-tle box-es, lit-tle box-es all the

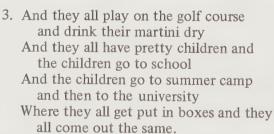




yel-low one, And they're all made out of tick-y tack-y, and they all look just the same.



- And the people in the houses all went to the university
 Where they were put in boxes, little boxes,
 - Where they were put in boxes, little boxes, all the same.
 - And there's doctors and there's lawyers and there's business executives And they're all made out of ticky tacky and they all look just the same.



4. And the boys go into business and marry and raise a family

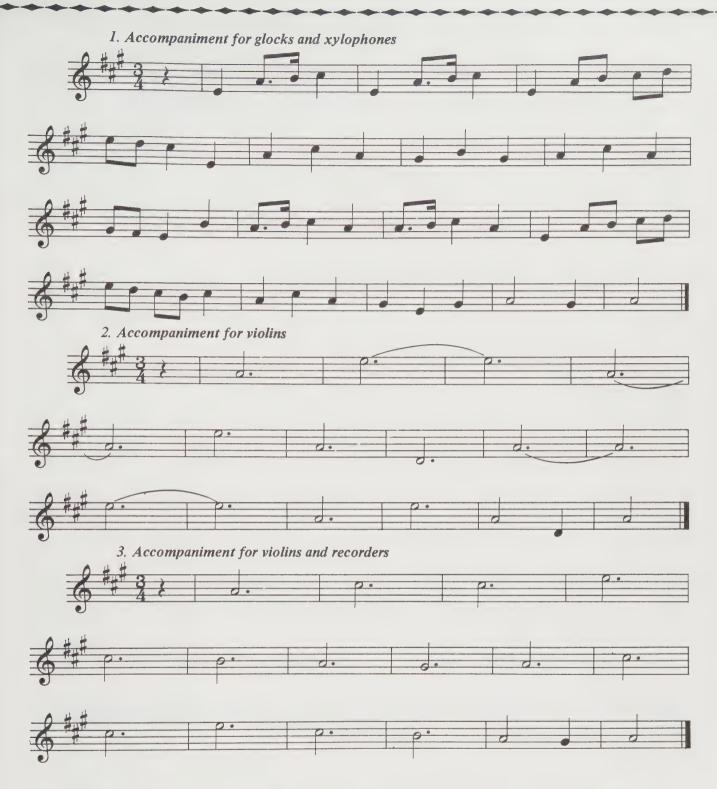
In boxes, little boxes, little boxes all the same.

There's a green one and a pink one and a blue one and a yellow one

And they're all made out of ticky tacky and they all look just the same.







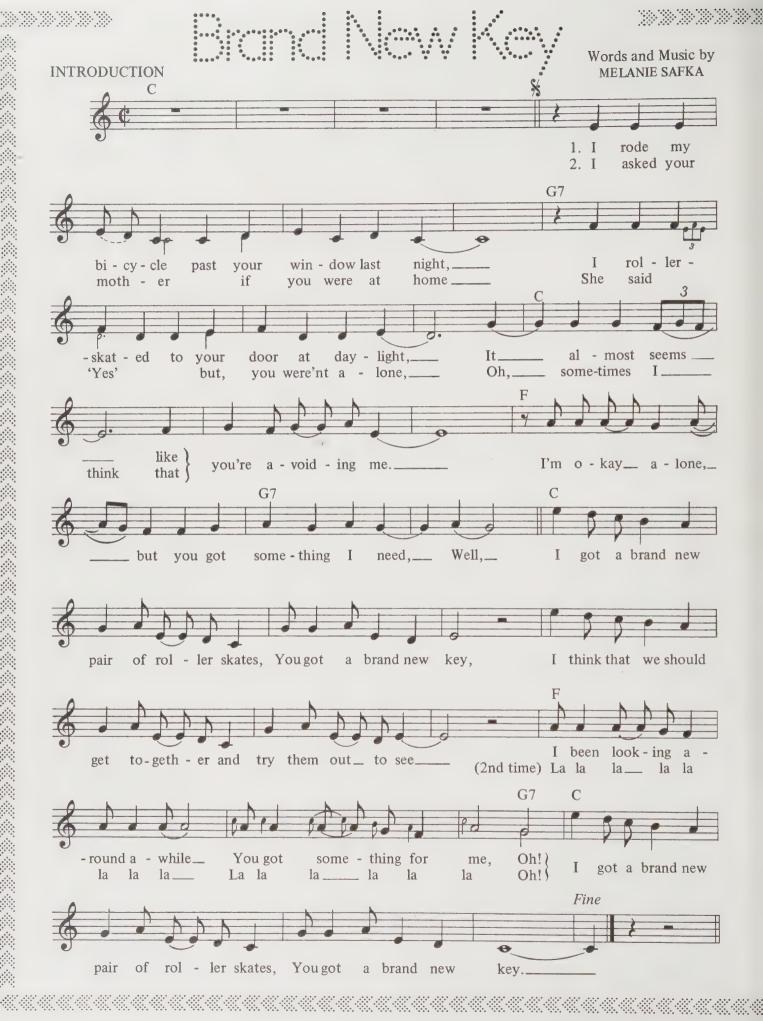
At the time of writing no version of this song has ever entered the British charts, and yet it remains one of the most popular of all modern folk songs.

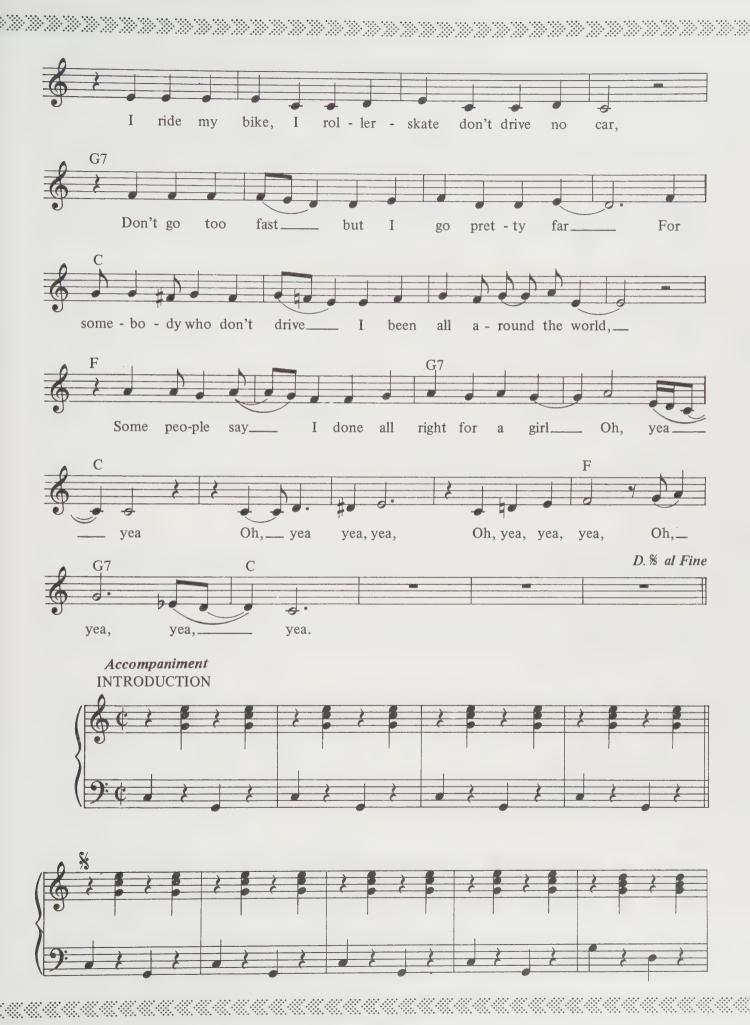
The first verse makes it sound rather like a simple nursery song, but in fact it is a strong attack on American society. What is it that the writer of the song is attacking? Is it the boxes he is worried about? What exactly are the boxes? Or is it the jobs the people do, their children, or something else that worries the composer?

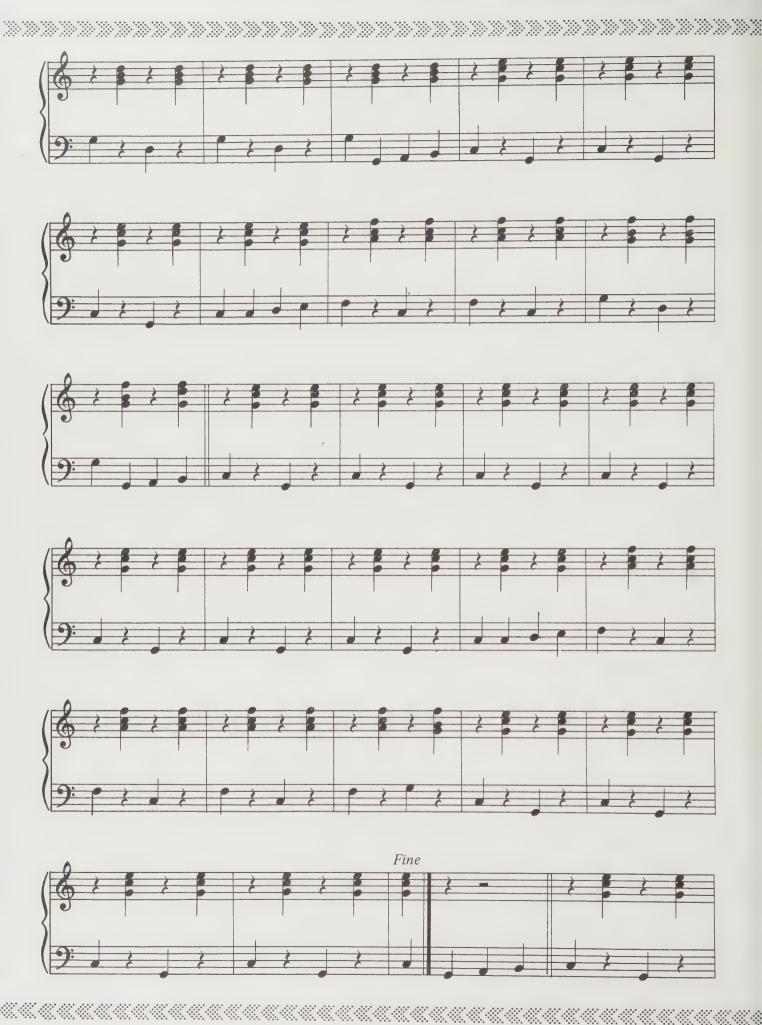
Three accompaniments are given to this song. The first can be played on glocks or xylophones, the second is for violins (in which all the notes can be played on open strings) and the third is also for violins, or recorders, but with a greater variety of notes. All three accompaniments can be played together.

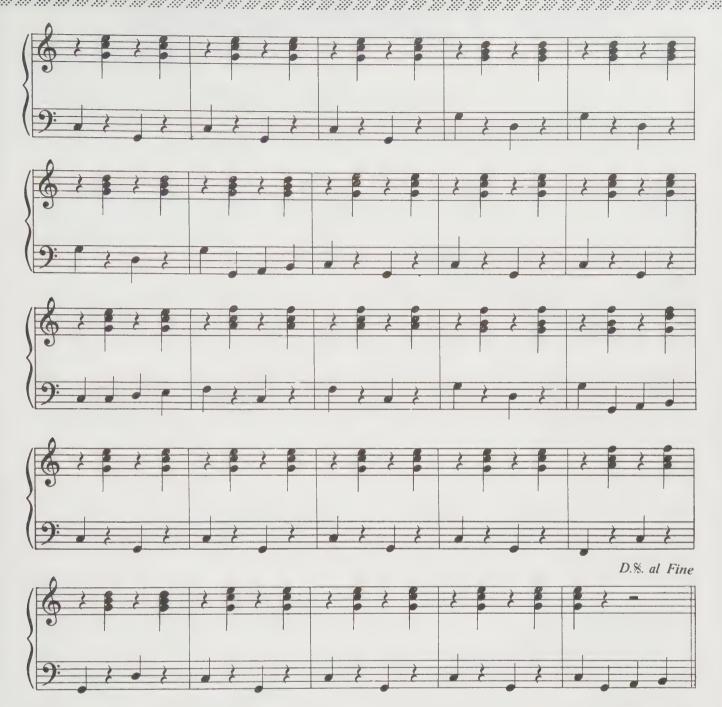
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Because the chord structure of the song is so simple it is possible to work out many more accompaniments. Try and write one out yourself and see how well it fits with the song. You may also want to make the song longer by playing an instrumental verse half way through, with glocks playing the melody.









Brand new Key was written by Melanie Safka, and was her biggest hit in Britain, reaching number 4 in January 1972. Soon after that the record left the charts, but a new version of it called *Combined Harvester* made the top of the charts in 1976. This was a parody of the original, recorded by The Wurzles. The melody remained the same but most of the lyrics were changed. If you can find a copy of The Wurzles' record you can compare it with the original version which is printed here.

The accompaniment provided can be played on a piano, or with one person playing the bass notes on an electric bass guitar, and others playing the treble clef chords on glocks, xylophones or a piano.

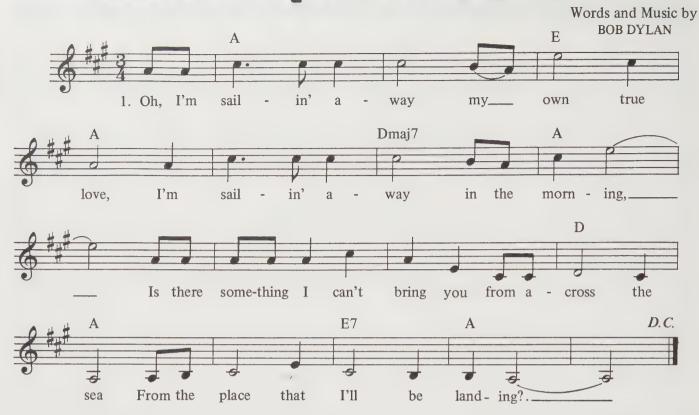
There are very few songs that actually get into the charts twice, where the second version is a parody of the first. One group, the Barron Knights, has specialized in parodies. You may

be able to find one or two of their records. However, most parodies have been written for use in stage shows and musicals, or to put over a political message. The main idea of the parody is that it must be funny and yet still retain enough of the original to be recognizable. Often this just means changing some (but not all) of the words.

Project

Take any song in this collection and try and write a parody of it. Remember it will be best if you only change some of the words, and keep part of the original meaning. For example, The Wurzles kept the idea of singing about a form of transport (rather unusual), but changed this form of transport from roller skates to a combined harvester.

Boots of Spanish Leather



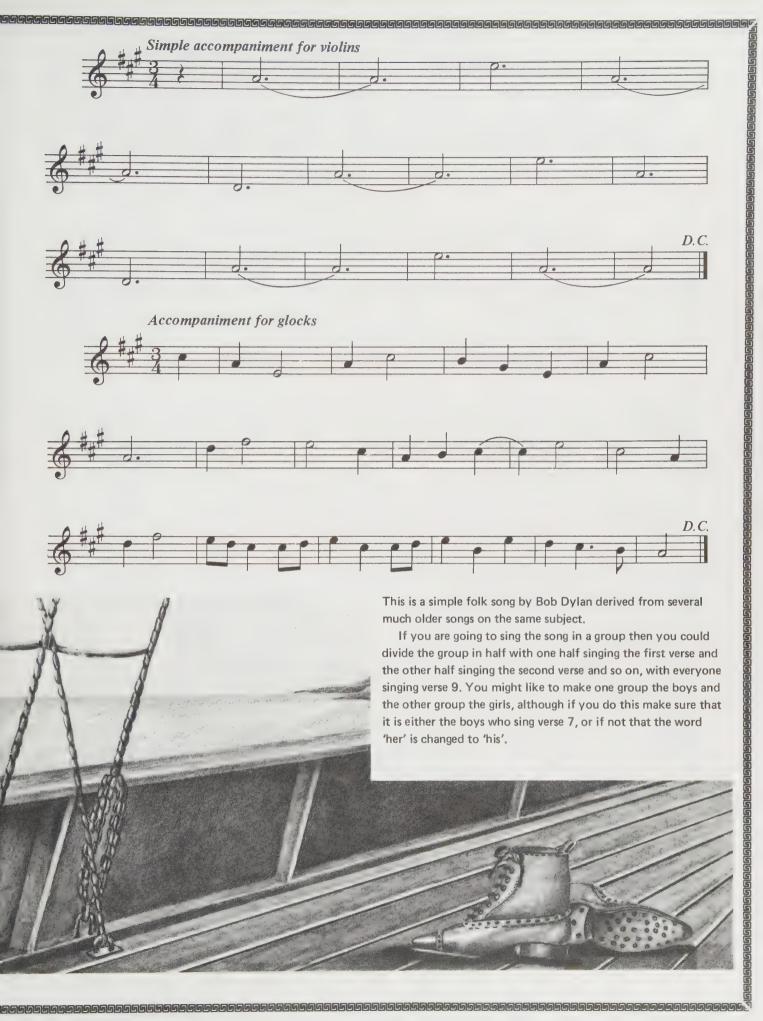
2. No, there's nothing you can bring me, my own true love,
There's nothin' I'm a wishin' to be ownin'.
Just carry yourself back to me unspoiled
From across that lonesome ocean.

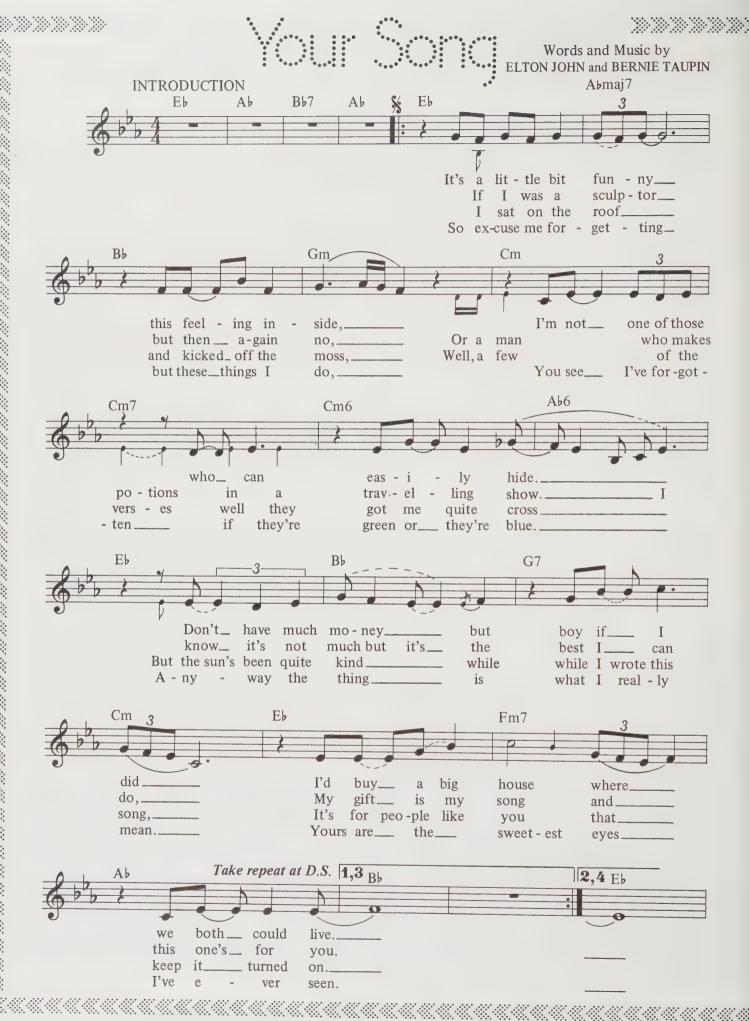
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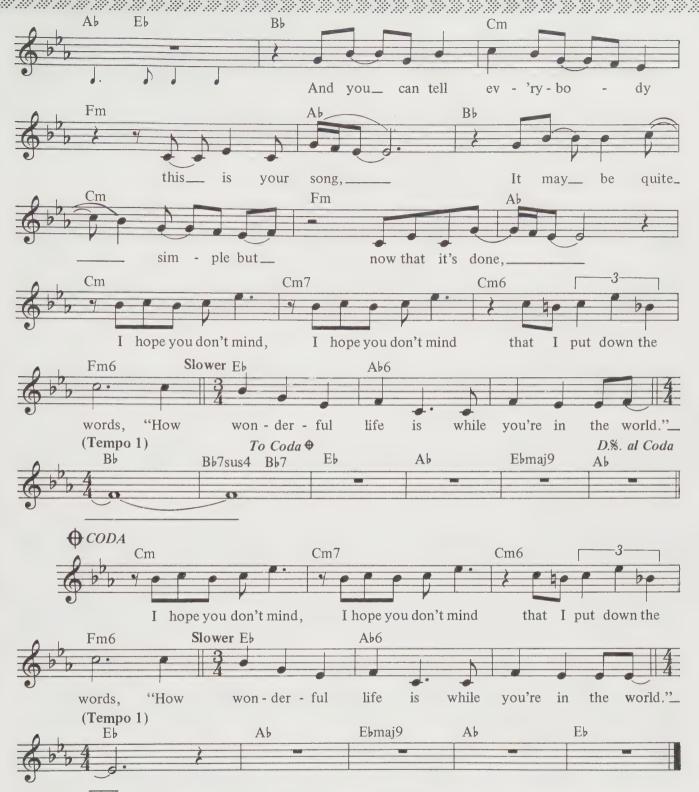
- 3. Oh, but I just thought you might want something fine
 Made of silver or of golden,
 Either from the mountains of Madrid
 Or from the coast of Barcelona.
- 4. Oh, but if I had the stars of the darkest night And the diamonds of the deepest ocean, I'd forsake them all for your sweet kiss For that's all I'm wishin' to be ownin'.
- 5. Oh, but I might be gone a long ole time And it's only that I'm askin', Is there somethin' I can send you to remember me by To make your time more easy passin'?

- 6. How can, how can you ask me again It only brings me sorrow? The same thing I would want today I would want again tomorrow.
- 7. I got a letter on a lonesome day
 It was from her ship a sailin',
 Saying, I don't know when I'll be comin'
 back again
 It depends on how I'm feelin'.
- 8. And if you, my love, must think that way I'm sure your mind is roamin'.

 I'm sure your thoughts are not with me But with the country where you're goin'.
- So take heed, take heed of the western wind, Take heed of the stormy weather.
 And yes, there's something you can send back to me,
 Send me boots of Spanish leather.







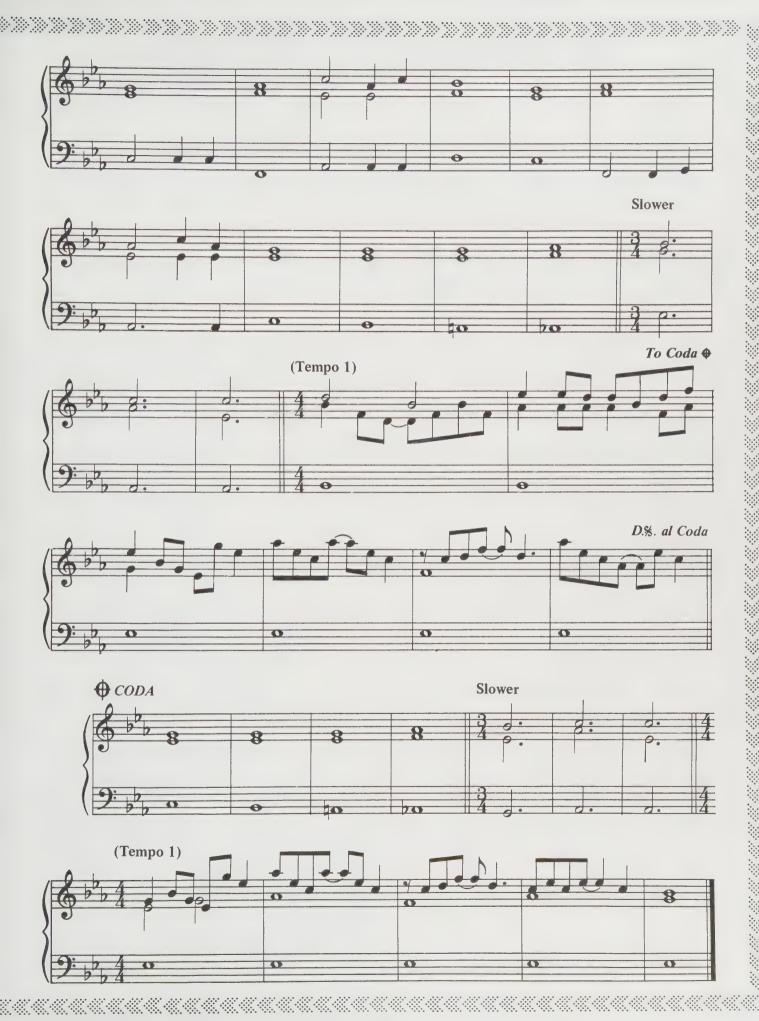
Your Song was Elton John's first hit, and is recognized by many people to be an excellent piece of music. Certainly it is much more complex than some of his later hits such as Saturday Night's alright for Dancing. Because of the nature of the chord sequence it is difficult to arrange it for guitar, and E flat seems to be the best key.

The accompaniment for this song consists of three parts: two in the treble and one in the bass. The treble parts can be played by glocks, xylophones, piano etc. The bass part is best played by either a bass guitar, cello (bowed) or on a piano.

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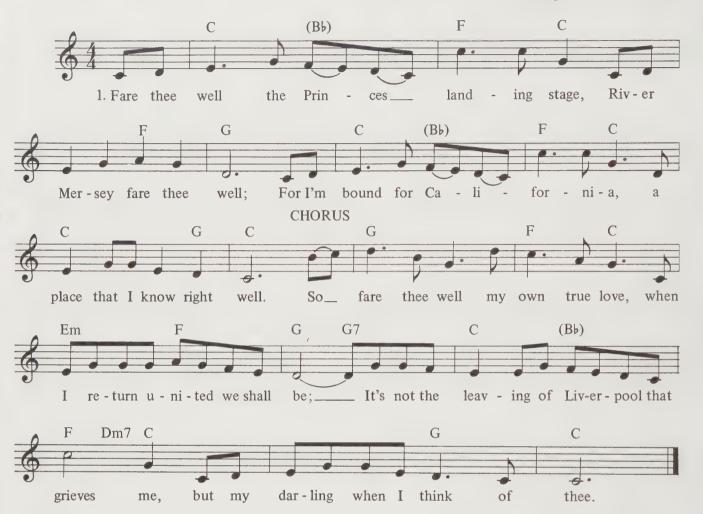
Because many of his songs have interesting melodies recordings by Elton John make very good material for singing and playing in schools. Find the music to as many songs by Elton John as you can and choose one or two to perform in the classroom. His early recordings were on the DJM label in Britain, and later ones on his own Rocket label.





The leaving of Liverpool

Traditional arranged TONY ATTWOOD



2. Yes, I'm bound for California by way of the stormy Cape Horn, But you know I'll write to you a letter, my love, when I am homeward bound.

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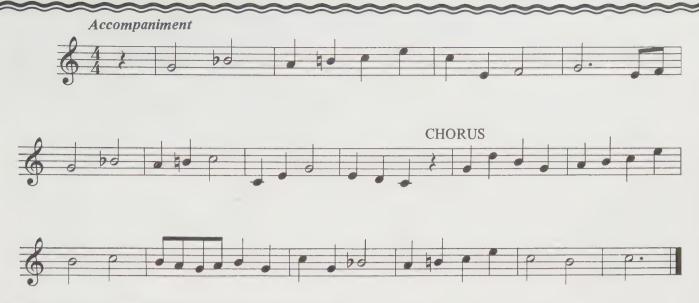
3. I have shipped on a Yankee clipper ship, Davy Crockett is her name, And her captain's name, it is Burgess, and they say she's a floating shame.

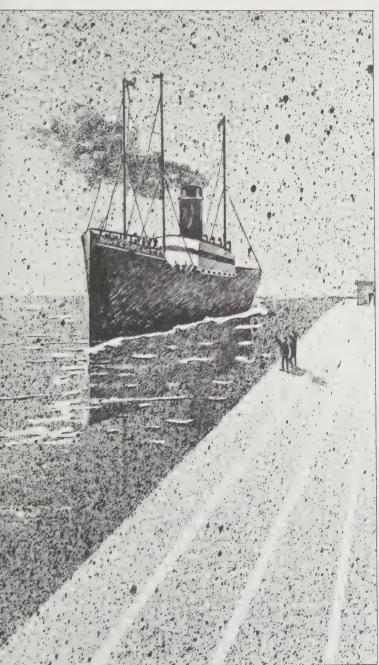
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4. It's me second trip with Burgess in the Crockett and I reckon to know him well. If a man is a sailor then he'll be alright, but if not, why he's sure in hell.

CHORUS

Note: In this folk song it is usual to pronounce California as if it had a 'y' at the end.





The leaving of Liverpool is a traditional folk song which probably originates in the 19th century. It was obviously sung by sailors who were forced to leave their homes and families to make difficult voyages in unsafe ships, in order to earn money. In recent years the Liverpool group Scaffold have recorded the song and issued their version on a single.

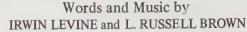
Guitarists who are not happy with the chord B flat may omit it, and continue to play the previous chord (C) where it is indicated. It is possible to devise a bass accompaniment to this song by simply playing the tonic of each chord indicated. So for the first complete bar the bass accompaniment would play C and B flat (if used): for the second bar, F and C, and so on.

Write out a bass accompaniment for the complete song.

Questions

- 1 How far did the singer plan to travel?
- 2 What is a Yankee clipper ship?
- 3 Where does the River Mersey reach the sea?
- 4 In which country is Cape Horn?
- 5 Who was Davy Crockett?
- 6 Why do you think sailors would be all right with Burgess but non-sailors be 'in hell'?
- 7 Why do you think the singer of the song was leaving Liverpool even though he knew the ship was a 'floating shame'?

Tie a yellow ribbon







In 1961 Tony Orlando had a hit in Britain with a song called *Bless You*. After that nothing more was heard of Mr Orlando in the singles' charts for ten years until he reappeared with the group Dawn. The group had a number of minor hits and two at number 1, *Knock three Times* and *Tie a yellow Ribbon*, in 1971 and 1973 respectively. Ever since then *Tie a yellow Ribbon* has remained a popular party song which everyone can join in.

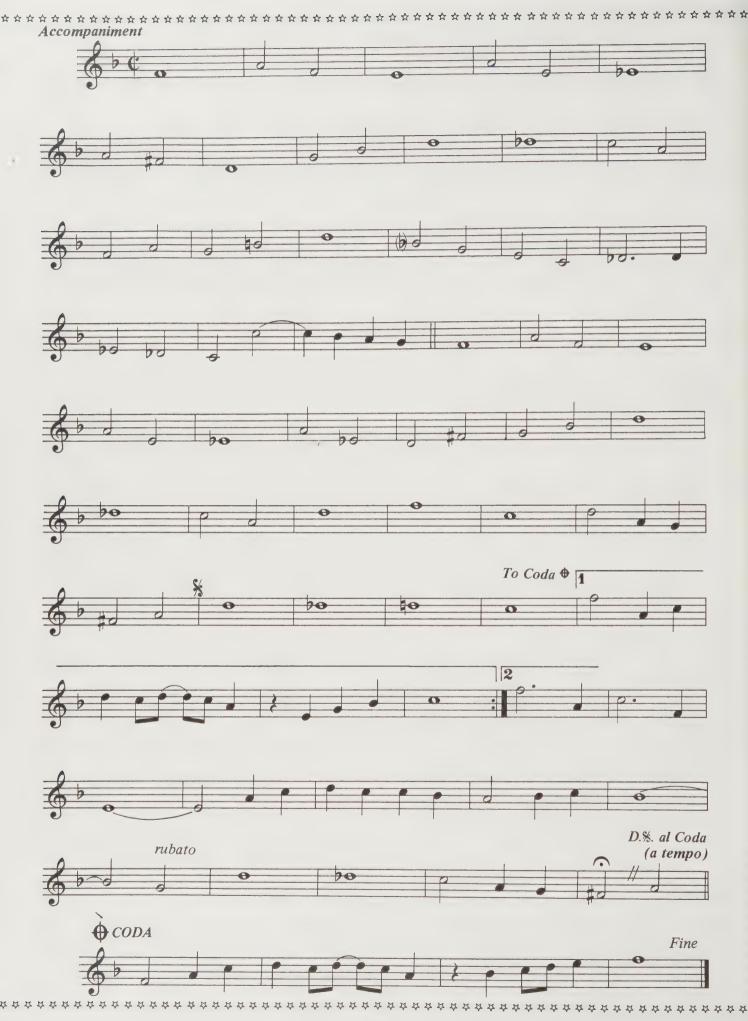
The song is printed here in the same key as it is in on the record made by Dawn. However, you might find it a little high in one or two places. If you do, you can transpose it down into C major. This change means that the song starts on middle C instead of F. Also, the first chord is C major rather than F major.

Project

Here is a list of the chords that are used in playing the song in F major. In the next column write in the chords used to play it in C major. Remember you must transpose down two and a half tones each time; but the minor chords remain minor and the seventh chords remain as sevenths.

	Key	Key
	F MAJOR	C MAJOR
Chords	F major	C major
	A minor	E minor
	C minor	
	D7	
	G minor	
	B flat minor	
	C7	
	A7	
	D minor	
	G minor 7	
	B flat minor 6	

You'll see that in one place there are two notes indicated in the tune for each syllable (to the words 'If you still want me' and 'Wrote and told her please'). At this point you should divide the class in half and each group should sing just one of the notes.



Wayfaring Stranger



This song comes from the time of the American pioneers, and is the white equivalent of a negro spiritual. It would have been the word mother replaced by 'sister', 'father', 'brother', etc. in sung by preachers and congregations at religious meetings over the south and west United States.

It exists in many different forms now, some in 3 and some in 4 time, sometimes sung slowly and sometimes very quickly, full of excitement and urgency.

The song continues through as many verses as required with each verse. Otherwise each verse remains the same.

Sloop John B

Traditional arranged TONY ATTWOOD

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- 2. The first mate he got drunk,
 He broke in the captain's trunk,
 The constable had to come and take him
 away.
 - Sheriff John Stone, why don't you leave me alone,

I feel so broke up I wanna go home.

CHORUS

3. The poor cook he got the fits,
He threw away all my grits,
Then he took and he ate up all of my corn.
Let me go home, let me go home,
I feel so broke up
I wanna go home.

CHORUS



Many people think that *Sloop John B* is just one of the many hits by the Californian group the Beach Boys (they had 24 top 50 chart entries in Britain between 1963 and 1976). In fact, it is a traditional song which the Beach Boys arranged as a pop song and released as a single in 1966. Like so many traditional songs it exists in many forms. The one given here is slightly different from that on the Beach Boys' record.

One way of making the performance of the song more interesting is to extend it in the following way:

Verse 1 vocal and guitar accompaniment

Chorus vocal and guitar accompaniment

Verse 2 vocal and guitar accompaniment with

recorders playing the counter melody

Chorus vocal and guitar accompaniment with recorders playing the counter melody

Instrumental verse guitar and recorders playing the

melody

Chorus

Chorus vocal and guitar accompaniment vocal and guitar accompaniment with recorders playing the counter-melody

vocal and guitar accompaniment with

recorders playing the counter-melody

Another possibility is to divide the recorders into two groups and make an instrumental verse in which one group plays the melody and the other play the counter-melody.

Yet another possibility is for a group of performers on tuned percussion to take over the melody in an instrumental verse, whilst the recorders either have a break and play nothing, or play the counter melody.

Project

Work out your own order for all these possibilities and try it out. Then if you want to change the order do so, and experiment freely with it until you are satisfied.

Return to Sender

Words and Music by OTIS BLACKWELL and WINFIELD SCOTT





Elvis Presley has always been very successful in the British charts. By the time of his death in 1977 he had achieved over 1000 weeks in the British top 50. Return to Sender was one of the 16 number 1 hits he had in his lifetime, being a hit in 1962. After this record there were only three more number 1 hits to come — Devil in Disguise, Crying in the Chapel and The Wonder of You.

The chord sequence used at the start of this song is one that is quite common in pop music: C major; A minor; D minor; G7. Play this chord sequence either alone or with some friends. To play it alone you must be able to play an instrument which can play chords, such as a guitar or a piano. Otherwise you'll have to work with two other people and play the chords on an instrument such as a glockenspiel. Here are the notes to play:

C major — C, E, G D minor — D, F, A A minor — A, C, E G7 — G, B, D, F

You'll see that G7 in fact has four notes in the chords. If there are four of you playing you'll each be able to take one note in G7, and in each of the other chords repeat the first note given. (So in C major two of you play C-it doesn't have to be the same C.) If there are only three of you you can miss out the B from the chord of G7. (But don't think that you can always miss out the B from a chord of G7 -it just happens to be the best note to miss out here.)

Practise playing the chords with four beats to each chord until you can do it regularly. Then try and work out a tune to fit over the top, either one that you can sing or one you can play.

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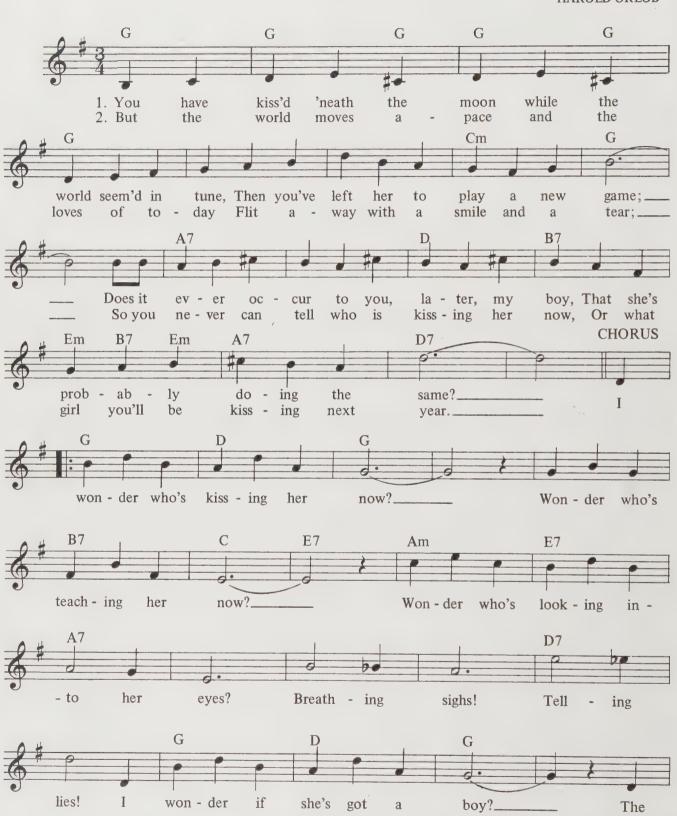
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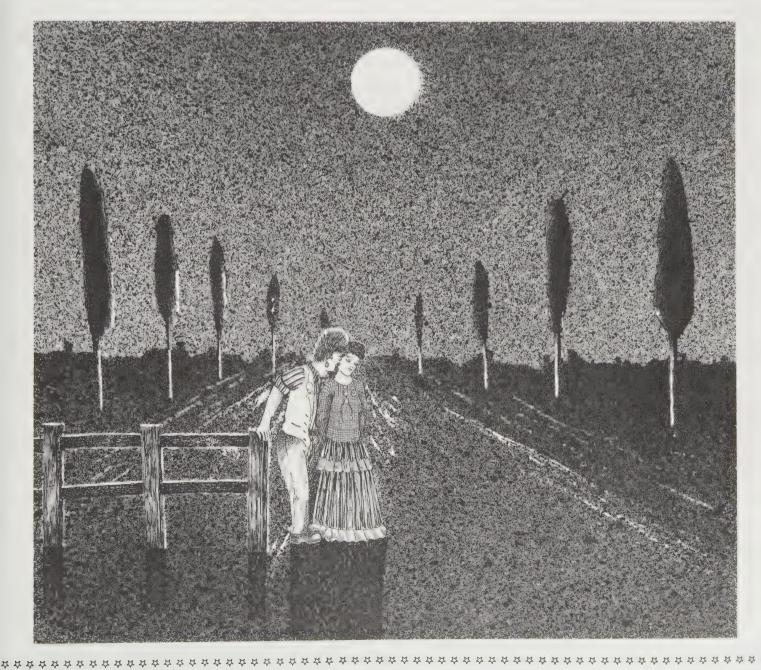
I wonder who's kissing

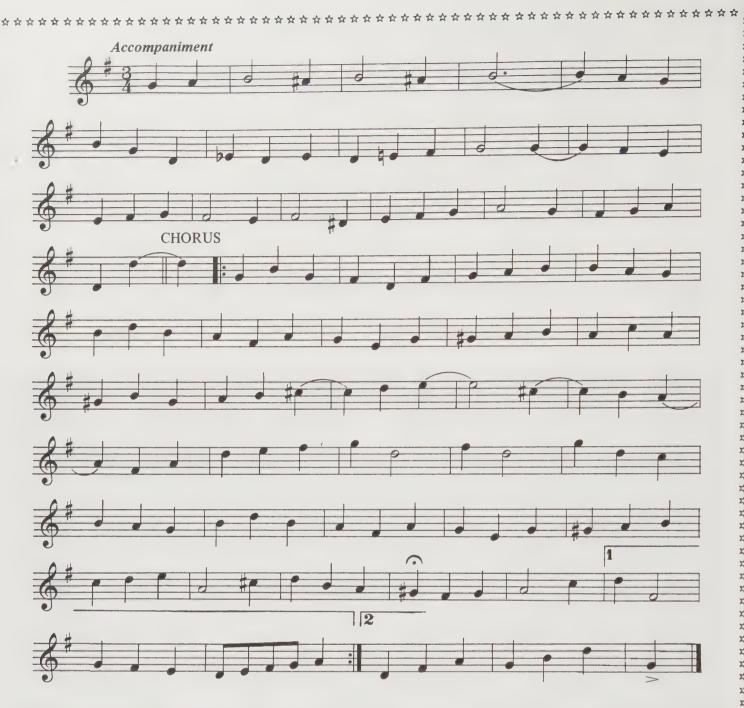
her now?

Music by HAROLD ORLOB



B E7 C Am girl who once fill'd me with Won - der if joy,_ E7 **1** D7 G Am she tells him of me? won - der who's kiss - ing ev - er 2 D7 G D7 G now?. kiss - ing her now?.





If you look up the song *I wonder who's kissing her now?* in one of the many books now available that contains details of all the hits that there have been in Britain, you'll find it listed just once as a hit in 1962 for Emile Ford. But, in fact, the song is much older. It had already been bought by hundreds of thousands of people as sheet music when Emile Ford made his recording.

The song was composed in 1909 by a man named Harold Orlob, who at the time was employed by a composer called Joe Howard. Mr Orlob wrote the music to *I wonder who's kissing her now?* for Mr Howard to use in a musical called *The Prince tonight*, and because Mr Orlob worked for Mr Howard, Mr Howard considered that from that moment on he owned this song. From the first day of its publication the song sold incredibly well, and made a fortune for Mr Howard who let it be known that he had written it. It was not in fact until 1947 that Mr Orlob went to court and proved that he wrote the song. This

is why, even today, if you buy a copy of this song you are still likely to find the words 'Music by J. Howard' written on it, even though this is totally untrue.

Unlike most of the songs in this book, this one is in $\frac{3}{4}$ time, or waltz time. A bass part to this song might go something like this:

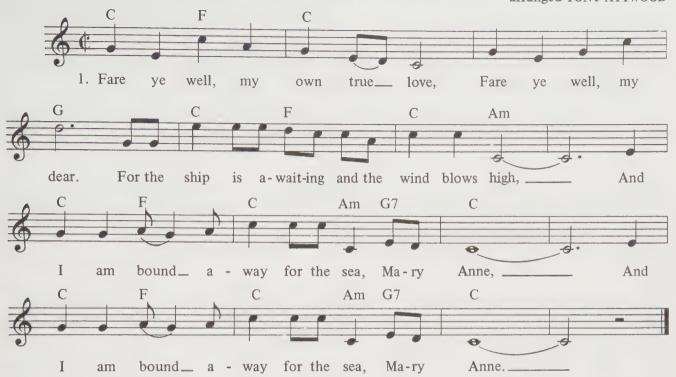


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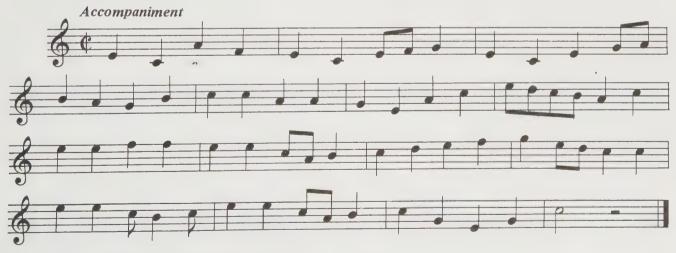
Work out the bass part for the whole song. For each bar you should start with the tonic note of the chord: so if the chord is G the bass note is G. The you should play two or three notes from that chord twice, and that will take up the whole bar.

Mary Anne

Traditional arranged TONY ATTWOOD



- 2. Ten thousand miles away from home,
 Ten thousand miles of earth,
 The earth will burn and the sea will freeze,
 If I never more return to thee,
 Mary Anne. Twice
- 3. Yonder don't you see the dawn
 Sitting on the stars,
 Weeping and wailing for her own true love
 As I do now for my own dear
 Mary Anne. Twice
- 4. A lobster boiling in the pot,
 And a Blue fish on the hook;
 They're suffering long, but it's nothing like
 The ache I bear for you my dear
 Mary Anne. Twice
- 5. Oh, had I bought a flask of gin
 And sugar here for two,
 And a great big bowl for to mix it in
 I'd pour a drink for you my dear,
 Mary Anne. Twice

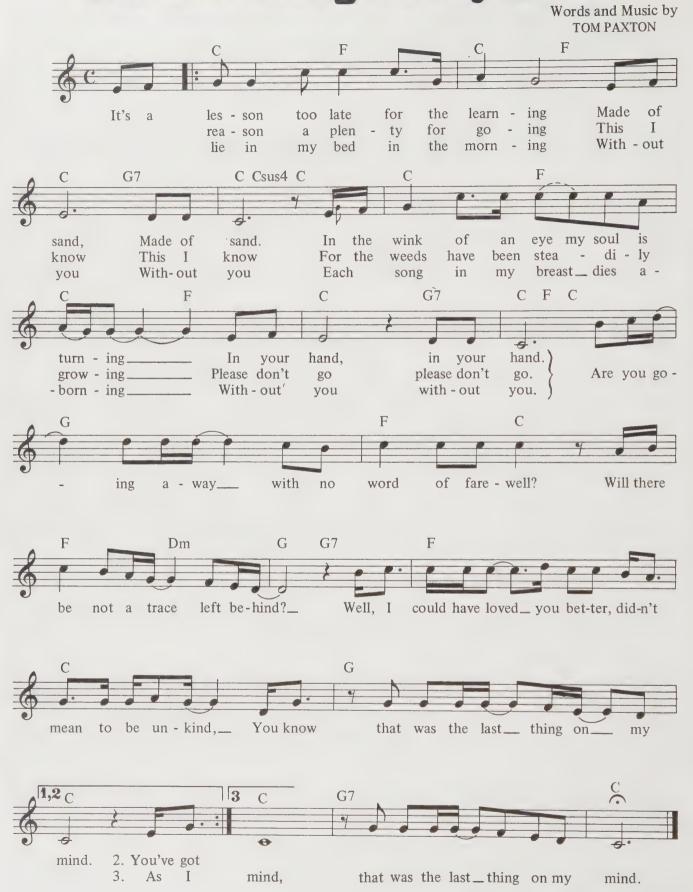


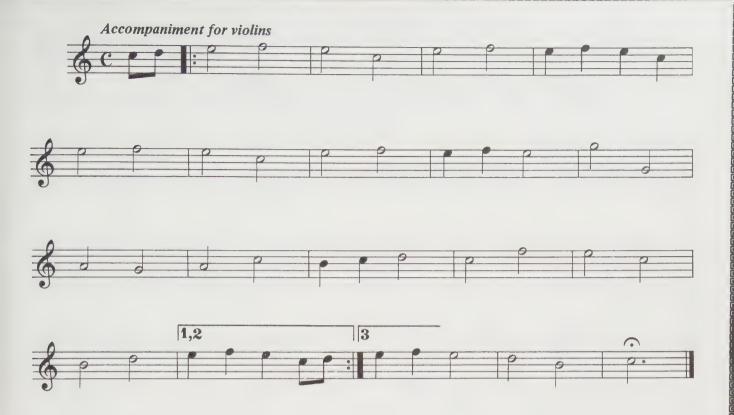
This folk song was collected in Quebec, Canada, in 1920. A man called Edouard Havington, aged 90, was heard singing it and Marius Barbeau, who was very interested in old folk songs, quickly wrote it down. Perhaps the most unusual thing about this song is that it only contains 15 bars. Most songs have a total number of bars that can be divided by 4 (often 16).

Project

New words for old. Having sung the song a few times you may be able to write some new lyrics to it. Try to take something that relates closely to your own experience, and your own life and make that the new theme of the song.

The last thing on my mind





If you ever go to a folk club where contemporary folk songs are sung the chances are you'll hear this song. All folk singers know it, even though it has never been a hit in this country.

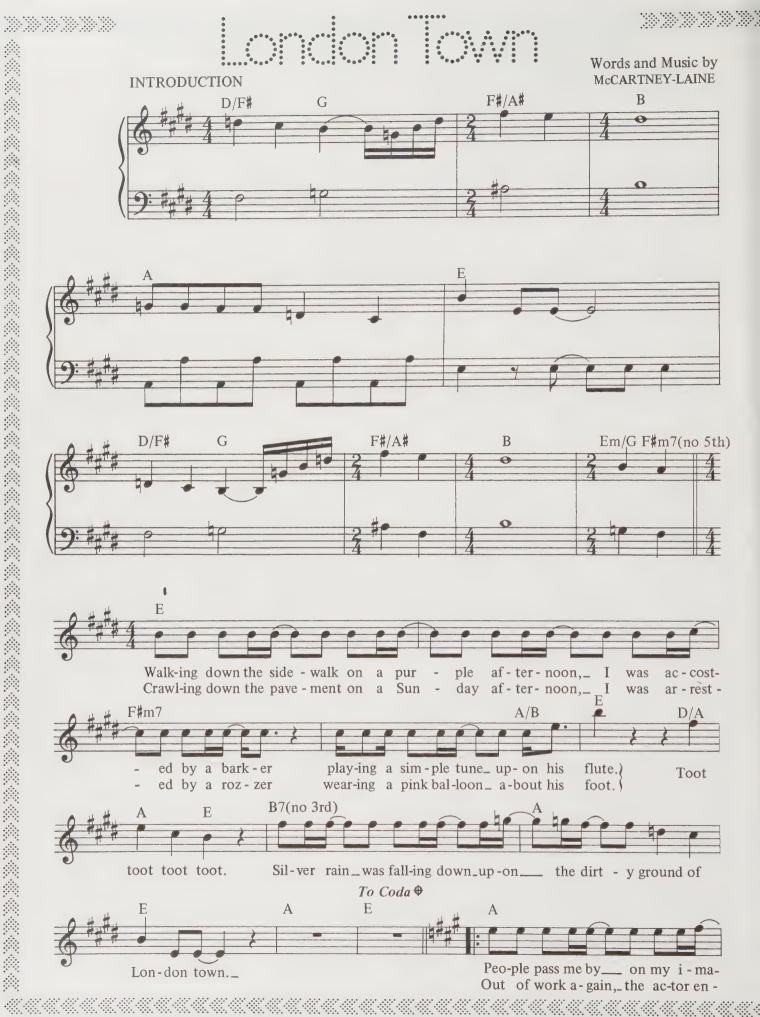
It represents a very handy lesson for anyone who has ever wanted to try writing the lyrics to popular songs. As we all know, many popular songs are about love, and this song is no exception. However, when many people try and write their first set of song lyrics they find themselves stating the obvious at the very start, leaving nothing to say in the rest of the song.

This song is about the end of a love affair. However, if the song had started with the rather obvious lines about 'you're going away and I feel unhappy' it would have lost all its magic. Instead, the writer started with a totally different image — the first verse leaves you unsure exactly what is going on. And even the first time the chorus is heard you are still not sure if the song will end happily or unhappily, because the singer asks 'Are you going away?' He doesn't say 'You are going away', and so we are left wondering what the answer is. The second verse allows the singer to admit how wrong he or she has been, but the chorus still contains the opening question, and we are still unsure of the answer. It is not until the final verse that we realize that the singer's lover has in fact already gone and we realize that the questions in the chorus are more like the question 'could this really have happened?' than a genuine question about the person's intentions.

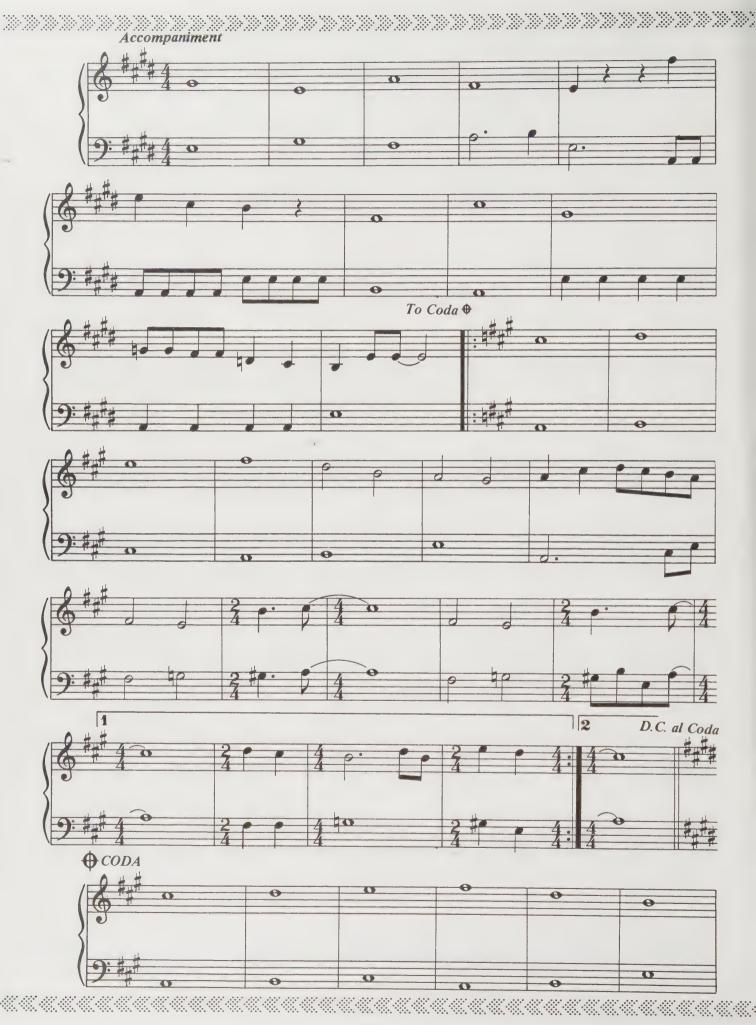
And yet despite all this detail the song remains simple. The four lines of the verses are short, and contain repeats. There are only three verses, but each one adds something new to the story.

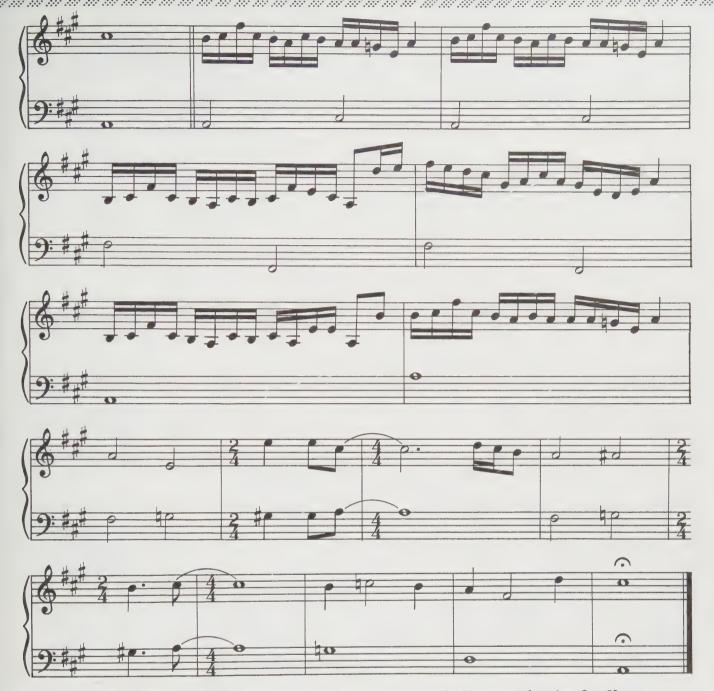
Project

Try writing the lyrics of a simple, sad song, in which each line of the lyrics is made to count by extending the story slightly. Avoid giving away the whole story until the end of the lyric. Having written the lyric, go back through it several times until you are satisfied that you have got it just right, and then try and write a simple melody, perhaps with a chordal accompaniment, to go with your lyric. If several of you are doing this at the same time you might find it worth swapping lyrics over so that you each write the music to someone else's lyric.









London Town was composed by Paul McCartney (ex-Beatles) and Denny Laine (ex-Moody Blues). They also wrote the most popular British pop song of all time (at least up to the moment of writing!) Mull of Kintyre.

London Town has a number of interesting musical features: the changes of time signature, the key changes, and the musical introduction which does not recur accompanied by vocals during the piece. (Most pop introductions are in fact extracts from the song-proper with the melody line played by an instrument, usually violins or lead guitar.)

Questions

Here are some questions about the structure of the song:

1 What key does the introduction seem to start in (look at the accidental in the first bar)?

- 2 What modulation occurs from bars 2 to 3?
- 3 At the words 'silver rain' the chord shown is 'B7 (no third)'.
 What effect will leaving the third out have?
- 4 What key does the piece end in?

In the official sheet music of the song the composers have shown some rather unusual chord positions, which will clearly only apply to the accompaniment of this song. However, if you'd prefer not to learn these new chord positions, or if you want to play the chords on a piano, the best method is to simply play the first chord of each pair. Thus, where 'D/F sharp' is indicated at the start of the song play a normal chord of D major.

Raindrops keep fallin' on my head Words and Music by BURT BACHARACH and HAL DAVID And just like the guy whose feet are Rain-drops keep fall-in' on my head, **D**7 Am7 Bbmai7 Noth - in' seems fit. Those too big for his bed to Bb/C Gm7 rain - drops are fall - in' on my head, They keep fall-in'. just Fmaj7 me some talk-in' to the sun said I did - n't like the Bbmai7 D7 Am7 **D7** way got things done, Sleep - in' on the job. Those C rain - drops are fall - in' on my head, They keep fall - in'. But there's one thing Ι know, _ The send___ blues___ they to meet_

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********************************** Accompaniment for glocks b-C

Raindrops keep fallin' on my head must be the only song that was a hit for three different singers in the same year, 1970. Bobbie Gentry reached number 40, B.J. Thomas got to number 38 in February, then dropped out of the charts only to come back in May. The French singer Sacha Distel beat that, entering and leaving the top 50 no less than five times with the song in that one year! What's more, it was the only hit he ever had in Britain.

One of the strangest things about this song is that it jumps around in its chord sequence. The first sequence is quite popular

among composers (F, F major 7, F7) because it allows the composer quickly to introduce a descending bass line — F, E, E flat. But soon after that it goes to some rather unexpected places. However, despite this, the song doesn't obviously modulate, and very few chords are actually ones that involve notes that are not in the scale of F major.

Which chords do involve notes other than those in the scale of F major?

No woman, no cry

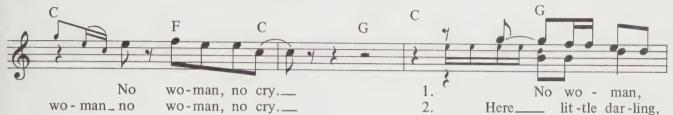
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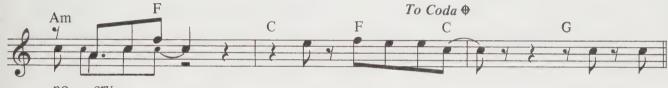


3. Wo-man, no cry

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wo-man, no cry.___ 3. Wo-man lit-tle sis - ter,



no cry don't shed no tears don't shed no tears ___

1.2.3. No wo-man, no cry_

said, said,



said I remem-ber

when we used_to sit___

in the go-vern-ment yard in



Trench-town,

Ob-er-ob-er-serv-ing the hy - po-crites, would make the fi - re light, and then Geor-gie

as they would



min-gle with the good peo - ple we meet, wood burn-ing through the night, log

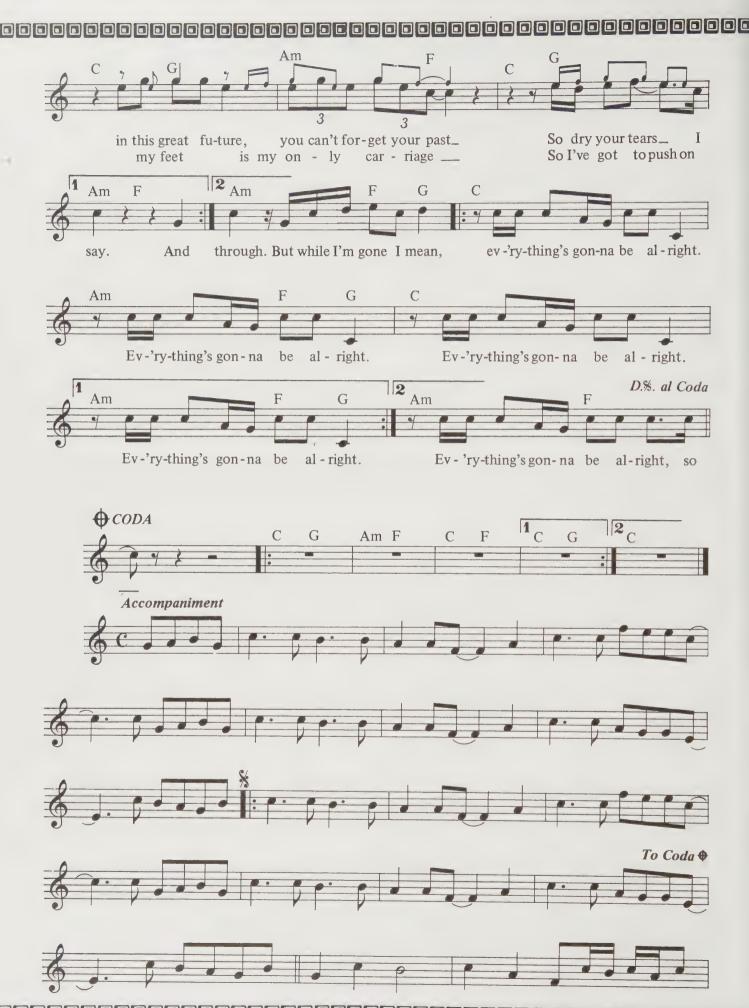
good friends we have, oh, then we would cook corn -

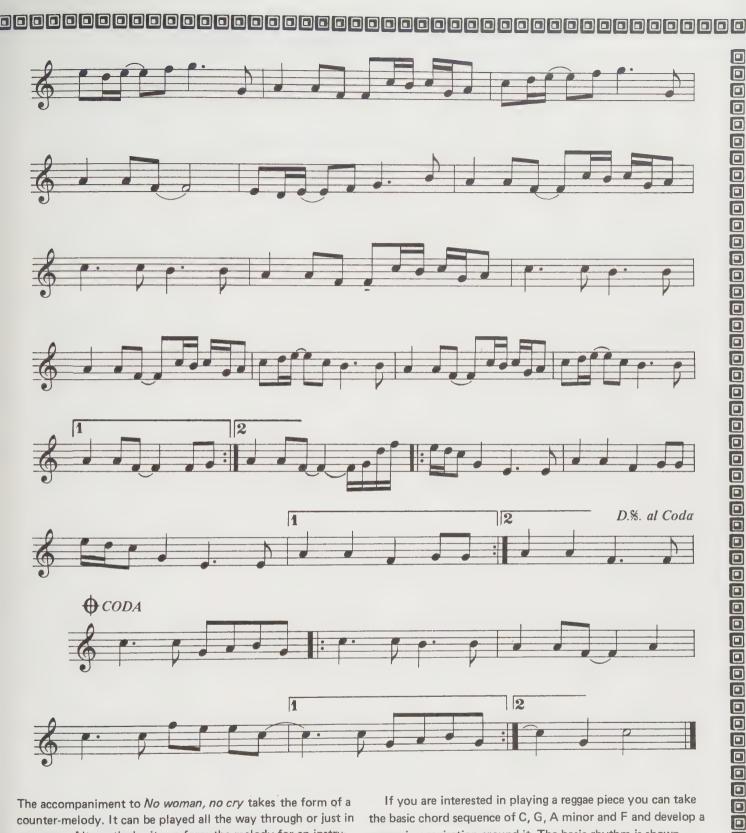


good friends we've lost - meal por - ridge,

of which I'll share with you_

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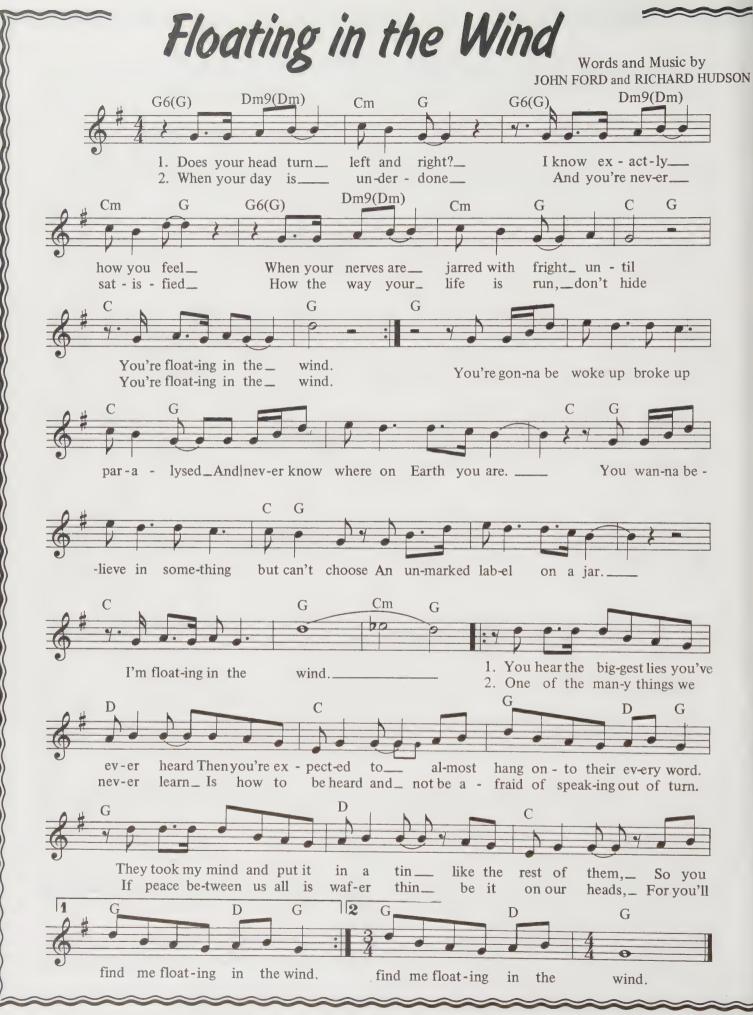
The accompaniment to No woman, no cry takes the form of a counter-melody. It can be played all the way through or just in one verse. Alternatively, it can form the melody for an instrumental verse.

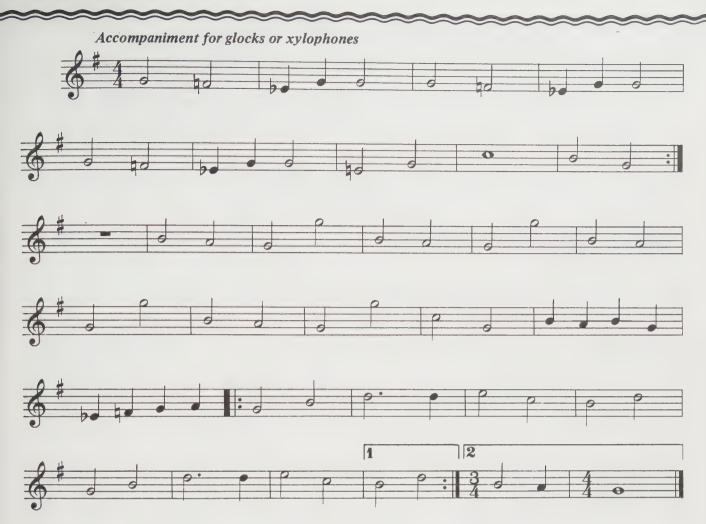
If you have a bass guitar you can add to the reggae feel of the piece by picking out just the names of the notes written for the guitarist, and play those notes just once where indicated.

If you are interested in playing a reggae piece you can take the basic chord sequence of C, G, A minor and F and develop a reggae improvisation around it. The basic rhythm is shown below.

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Floating in the Wind was written and recorded by Richard Hudson and John Ford, who were two members of the group Strawbs. The Hudson-Ford partnership had three hits, of which this was the third, entering the top 50 in Britain in June 1974.

Like so many pop songs, the music of *Floating in the Wind* has never been published commercially. However, on the copy of the music supplied by the copyright owner there is an interesting analysis of the chords that the group play in the first two verses of the song. They write it as follows:

Em/G	Dm/G	Cm/G	G
Em/G	Dm/G	Cm/G	G
Em/G	Dm/G	Cm/G	G
С	G	G	G

That sequence is then repeated for the second verse. This implies that where two chords are shown both chords are played together. The sound that results from this is more complex than you get from playing the G6 — Dm9 — Cm — G sequence shown on the music here. If you have two guitarists in the class one can play the G chord throughout the first three lines whilst the other plays the first chord of each pair. Obviously where only one chord is shown both guitarists would play the same chord.

In the music you will see chords written in brackets. These are alternative, easier chords. A simple accompaniment for glocks and xylophones is also given.

Projects

- 1 Floating in the Wind is a 'through-composed' song; that is, there are no verses which repeat throughout the piece. There are in fact three sections in the piece, some of which are repeated. If the three sections are called A B and C work out exactly the order they come in, showing any repeats by writing the relevant letter twice.
- 2 Two versions of the song were recorded one for the single and one, much longer, for the LP Free Spirit. If you can get a copy of the LP listen to the way a melody is developed before the lyrics start, and at the end of the piece. Try and develop a melody like this as an introduction and ending for your version of the song.

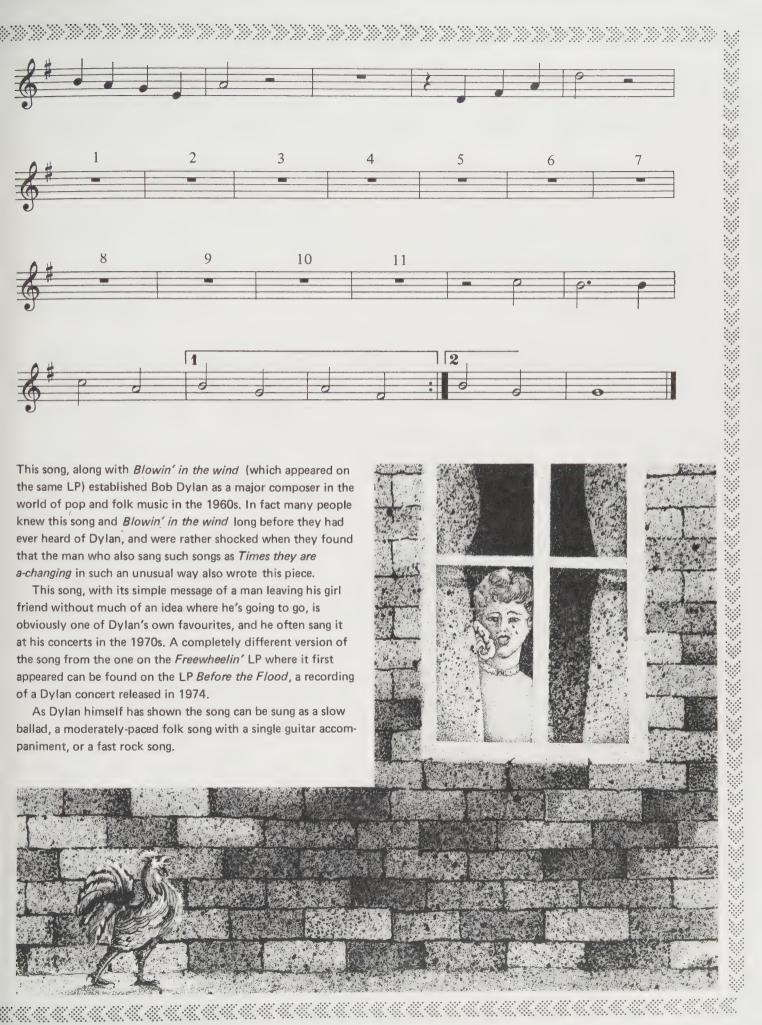




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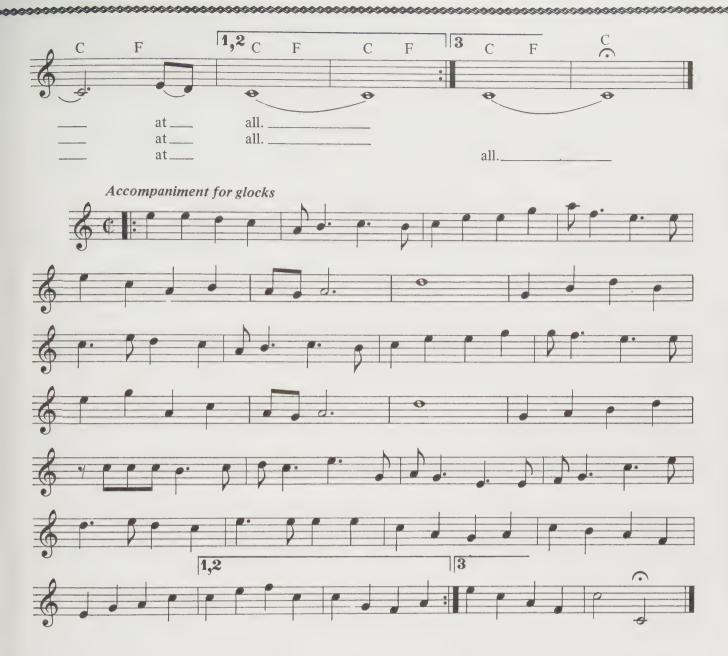
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From both sides now

Words and Music by JONI MITCHELL





At the time of writing the only hit version of *From both sides now* in Britain is that recorded by Judy Collins and released in 1970. Judy Collins is, however, perhaps better known for her recording of *Amazing Grace* which between 1970 and 1972 entered and left the top 50 charts seven times! As for the composer Joni Mitchell, she's never had a hit with the song at all, although her LPs have always sold very well indeed.

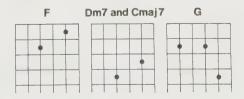
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Two versions of this song exist. The one printed here is sung in C major. However, it is also possible to sing the same melody in G and accompany it on a guitar tuned to an 'open' tuning system. If you are interested in this approach this is what you should do.

- Take a guitar tuned in the normal way and change the tuning as follows:
 - Tune the lowest string down one tone to D;
 Tune the A string down one tone to G;

Tune the highest string down one tone to D.

- The guitar should now play a chord of G major when plucked with all the strings open.
- To play in C major fit a capo under the fifth fret.
- Play the piece as before but when the chord of C is indicated play the guitar in open tuning. For the other chords indicated play the shapes below. They don't correspond exactly with the original chords but they do give a rather unusual effect. This style of playing with open tunings has been developed by Joni Mitchell and some other folk singers in recent years.



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Mr Tambourine Man ****



********** G 2. Take me on trip a up - on your ma - gic swirl - ing ship My D G D G sen - ses have been stripped, my hands can't feel Mv to grip, G D step, too numb to wait toes on - ly for my boot heels be G wan - der - ing. _ I'm rea - dv to an - v - where I'm go D G D G rea - dy for to fade In to my own par ade. cast vour D A G pro - mise to un-der it.. way, danc-ing spell my go

REFRAIN: Hey Mister Tambourine Man etc.

3. Though you might hear laughin' spinnin' swingin' madly across the sun It's not aimed at anyone, it's just escapin' on the run.

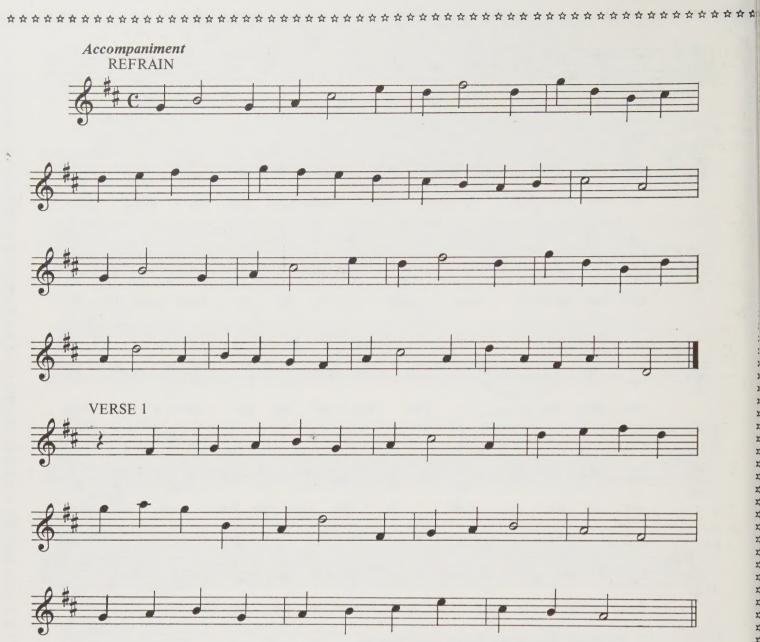
And but for the sky there are no fences facin'.

And if you hear vague traces of skippin' reels of rhyme
To your tambourine in time, it's just a ragged clown behind,
I wouldn't pay it any mind, it's just a shadow you're
Seein' that he's chasing.

REFRAIN: Hey Mister Tambourine Man etc.

4. Then take me disappearin' through the smoke rings of my mind Down the foggy ruins of time, far past the frozen leaves, The haunted, frightened trees out to the windy beach, Far from the twisted reach of crazy sorrow. Yes, to dance beneath the diamond sky with one hand waving free, Silhouetted by the sea, circled by the circus sands, With all memory and fate driven deep beneath the waves, Let me forget about today until tomorrow.

REFRAIN: Hey Mister Tambourine Man etc.



Mr Tambourine Man, written by Bob Dylan, has never been recorded by Dylan on a single in Britain. It is still one of his best known songs, however, because of the very impressive recording he made of it on the LP Bringing it all back home. If you can get a copy of this LP listen particularly to the simple accompaniment. Notice how the electric guitar plays a different melody to the one which Dylan sings throughout the piece.

Projects

- 1 Dylan never explains the meaning of his songs, and many songs he wrote in the middle of the 1960s seem particularly hard to understand. What do you think this song means? Who is the Tambourine Man? Does he represent anyone, or is he just someone passing by an imaginary person perhaps that Dylan addresses his song to?
- 2 You will see that the accompaniment for chime bars, glocks, etc. is only-given for verse 1 and the refrain. You cannot use the verse 1 accompaniment to accompany the remaining verses

because each verse has a different number of bars in it. However, you will not find it very hard to work out how to extend the verse 1 accompaniment to fit the other verses.

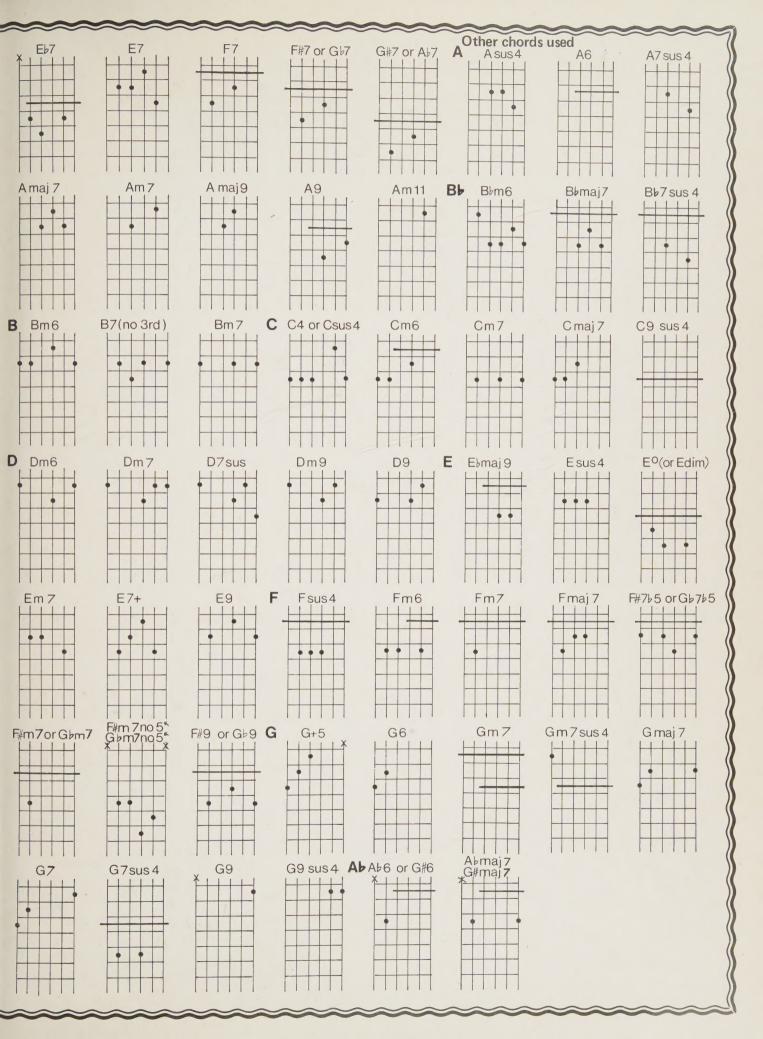
To do this take a piece of manuscript paper and draw in the bar lines for each verse, writing the chords above each bar:

for each bar with the chord of G use the notes G, B and D; for each bar with the chord of A use the notes A, C sharp and E;

for each bar with the chord of D use the notes D, F sharp and A.

Experiment with the accompaniment until you have one you like. Then write it down on your manuscript paper.

You shouldn't find it too hard to work out which chords to play under each of the extra bars because they just extend the pattern of chords that was shown in the first verse. You'll also see that the melody is not given after the second verse. Again you'll be able to work it out by simply extending the pattern shown in the first two verses for the extra lines in the third and fourth verses.



The SONG

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